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A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

AS is our custom at this festive season—a custom we feel the greatest pleasure in observing—we take the opportunity of wishing our readers, one and all, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Indeed, we can hardly picture to ourselves what manner of man he must be who is slow to express these seasonable wishes. If there are times in the year, when it is considered a kind of necessity for men to differ among themselves more or less warmly, it is certainly desirable there should be also a time when men may sink their differences, and meet each other with the full determination of being as genial and pleasant as their means and opportunities will permit. The mere knowledge that at Christmas the different members of well nigh every family in England will devote themselves to pleasure of a rational character; that they will be gathering round the festive board, enjoying the innocent dance, or giving themselves up to the fun and frolic of Pantomime, or other seasonable entertainment, must be gratifying to all who know anything of the annoyances, the petty jealousies, the miserable spite, and other feelings of even a stronger character which influence different people, and even different members of the same family towards one another under ordinary circumstances. It would, of course, be much better if we could be jovial at all times; but as that seems difficult, if not—having regard to human failings—entirely out of the question, we must content ourselves with hoping and trusting that at Christmas, and during the early days of the New Year, all ill-feeling will be for the moment set aside. If we cannot, amid the cares of life and in the hurry of business, find a little leisure for the practice of that greatest of all virtues—Charity—let us obey its teachings now. In the course of the week which ends this day, the sun, the centre of our system, is supposed to have been for a short time stationary. The longest period of darkness has been reached, and we are beginning to look forward to a greater proportion of Light. Moreover, at the close of the Old Year we may fittingly balance our accounts with those with whom we may have had dealings, quite as well in respect of the feelings we may entertain towards them, as in that of mere ordinary business transactions, And the balance having been struck, we have it clear before us to enter on the New Year with lighter hearts and more kindly-disposed to our neighbours, as well as with new hopes and aspirations, so that if our course has run prosperously, it may continue to do so, even perhaps in an increasing degree; or, if it should have been accompanied by disappointments and losses, we may be able to neutralise the former, and retrieve the latter. Therefore, and quite apart from the ordinary eagerness for enjoyment, there are many and substantial reasons why we should miss no opportunity of meeting all our fellow beings, as we would like to see them meet us, as influenced solely by the dictates of Charity. If we are fortunately possessed of means, we can enable others to forget the sorrows and deprivations which are their unhappy lot. The pleasure we experience in our own particular circle will be proportionately enhanced. If we are not so situated, there is no reason why we should allow any but the kindliest feelings to influence us. There may be remedies for a purse with only very moderate contents, but bitterness of spirit towards our neighbours is assuredly not one of them. Hence, be we affluent or the reverse, we may enjoy ourselves at the present time in sympathy with each other and with the knowledge that, in the eyes of the Supreme Architect, there is no distinction between us. We repeat, therefore, our good wishes and trust that none of our readers will find the realisation of their pleasure fall short of their anticipations.

Having discharged ourselves of this principal duty, let us next endeavour to fulfil one which is only a degree less in importance. This is the opening number of our THIRTEENTH VOLUME, and it devolves upon us, therefore, to express to our friends and supporters our heartfelt thanks for their kind encouragement. We have, as we have remarked before on similar occasions, had an uphill task before us. It is no easy matter for a new journal to establish itself in public favour, or in the favour of that particular class to which it may appeal. Friends are apt to grow a little lukewarm when the first few months are gone and they find the future is not altogether as bright as it should have been. Others there are who hold aloof at the outset, the while they acknowledge there is room to spare for the new journal. They prefer not to commit themselves too soon, though, of course, their support at so critical a time might happen to make all the difference between success and failure. There is further the direct opposition, which but very few new ventures escape. We have, however, surmounted the difficulties thus engendered. Our friends have most loyally backed us up from the beginning. Those who held aloof have gradually extended towards us their sympathy, while the opposition we may have encountered in the beginning is no longer of a character to affect our position to any appreciable extent. For ourselves, we have striven earnestly to support the interests of the Craft. We may not, perhaps, on all occasions have adopted the policy which seemed best to our readers, and we are willing to admit that, in some instances, we may have been mistaken in the course we felt it our duty to advocate or uphold. Still, whatever may have been our shortcomings, we judge, from the regularly-increasing support we have received, either that those shortcomings have not been of a very striking character, or that our friends have graciously overlooked them, on the ground that if we have shown ourselves wrong-headed in this or that instance, we were not wrong-hearted. Still, whatever explanations there may be to account for the friendly reception we have experienced, it is with excusable pride we draw attention to the fact of our now having completed an existence extending over six years. We cannot, of course, as regards the future, say whether or not the number of our constituents will go on increasing. All we can promise is—that no effort will be spared to secure such a result. We shall continue steadily in the path we have pursued hitherto, our one object of ambition being to uphold, as far as we possibly can, the interests of Freemasonry. We shall use our utmost endeavours to observe, as heretofore, the strictest impartiality in the treatment of all questions of a controversial nature. We shall never lose sight of the important fact that a journal which sacrifices its independence of opinion in order to pander to the whims and caprices of a clique is worthless. Even those who differ from us most widely will appreciate us the more, the more they find us free from partiality in this or that direction. And with this determination, and a repetition of our hearty good wishes to all our readers, that they may enjoy themselves thoroughly during the period of festivity now begun, we pass to the consideration of other matters.

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PHILADELPHIA, THE PREMIER MASONIC CITY OF AMERICA.—No. II.

By Bro. William James Hughan.

I HAVE no desire to "enjoy the last word" on the question of "*The Mother City of American Freemasonry*," and will endeavour to say nothing that will open up any "fresh bones of contention," in making my *adieus* to "Philadelphos" and Bro. R. F. Gould S.G.D.*

Bro. Gould has ably grasped the whole subject, and, as the presiding judge, has skilfully presented the various reasons *pro* and *con* affecting the position of the City of Philadelphia Masonically for 1730-1, and illustrated the argument with most valuable notes and Lists of Lodges.

I should be quite content to let the matter rest, as lucidly arranged and considered in his three most interesting articles, were it not for the fact that in No. 308 my remarks had regard only to the *first* of the *trio*.

1. The reference by Bro. Gould to an early edition of "*Masonry Dissected*" is a good one, and I hope will lead to some being discovered with Lists of Lodges 1731-2-3. The first edition 1730 had none. Others issued in 1730 to 1734 may have had, but they have not come across my path.

2. The "Dublin" Companion 1735 is mainly a copy of the Engraved List of 1734, (reproduced by me, as also the "Dublin" one) and so is Picard's 1735. The first has 79 credited to Philadelphia, the second has the No. *vacant*, and in the third it is duly credited to a London Lodge. Evidently it is well to note the fact of more than one edition of the Engraved Lists being occasionally issued in the same year.

3. It is also curious to note that No. 79 is *vacant* in Dr. Rawlinson's List of 1733, probably a copy of the authorised List; just as it is unfilled in the Engraved List of 1734.

4. Bro. Gould thinks it very likely that *a* Lodge did exist as No. 78 before the London one he has traced, but does not accept the Philadelphia claimant as the one. He, however, has furnished some capital suggestions in favour of *our* No. 79, and one especially, which not only is new to me, but to every one else. I refer to the Engraved *signs* of the *Inns* or *Taverns*. The Dublin List speaks of the "*Hoop*," in Water Street, Philadelphia (U.S.A.) Bro. Gould hits the "nail on the head" in remarking that "the *Tun* may have been so pictured in an official list as to have been taken for a *Hoop*." Apparently, the Irish Editor *did so*. At all events, no "*Hoop*" in *Water Street* appears to have been known in Philadelphia,† in 1730-2, but the "*Tun*" was, and in that tavern the Prov. G. Lodge of Pennsylvania assembled 26th June 1732! (*Pennsylvania Gazette*, No. 187, A.D. 1732.) Such unexpected confirmatory evidence, though but of a negative character, is surely sufficient to induce us *all to believe as likely that the Dublin Editor* copied from an *Engraved* List of the G.L. of England, in which No. 79 appeared, and credited it to the "Tun," Philadelphia.

5. As Bro. Gould states that some of my conclusions are of a discrepant character, I fear my meaning has not been put quite clearly. Last century it mattered not generally whether the G.M. issued (or granted) the Warrant, or the Prov. G.M. did (as in the case of Boston in 1733, and many others, even at "home"), *so long as it was granted by one or other of those authorities*. Either was a legal Warrant, and so 79, whether granted by the G.M. or the Prov. G.M., would be of similar force or authority.

That Bro. Caldwallader's letter establishes the fact that no English Warrant was sent or received, *is not proved* though I confess it is not clear on the subject. I do not wish to lay an undue stress on this point, but only desire to exhibit the view, that whether it was received *or not* or Coxe granted a Warrant as Prov. G.M., it *matters not* as the legality of the beginning of the Craft in Philadelphia under either hypothesis is assured, and the probability is that No. 79 represented the first Lodge in America.

6. I attach much importance to Bro. Caldwallader's admission of the *bona fide* character (to say the least) of the Dublin Register, and particularly am I impressed with the ingenious suggestion of his as to the "Hoop" being mistaken for a "Tun," which says volumes in favour of the view that the compiler had an early list of Lodges before him, engraved, with the "Signs" of the Taverns, by order of the Grand Lodge of England.

7. I am most willing to admit that, considering the extraordinary attention, time, and patience which Bro. Gould has devoted to the intricate details (*numerically and generally*) of our "*Old Lodges*," he has the best right of any to speak positively and authoritatively on the subject, and that in the department he has selected in which to exhibit his accuracy of research and fidelity to truth, *he has no equal*.

For him, then, to admit, that "*the balance of argument is perhaps, in favour of the view espoused by Bro. Hughan*," though he introduces several weighty points against my theory, disposes me to believe that it is, so far, the most likely explanation of the puzzle, and that whatever may be the faults of my advocacy, the facts, so far known, tend in favour of my client!

I have to thank the Editor of the "Freemason's Chronicle" for the careful reproduction of my MSS., and hope that the subject has proved as interesting to its readers as it has to myself.

* Vide "Freemason's Chronicle," Nos. 305-6-7-12.

† Bro. E. Meyer, Chairman of Library Committee, has just issued a List of Lodges, of which the one at the "Tun" of 1730 is the first.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS.

WE have latterly had—it would be almost impossible to say we have been latterly enjoying—such variable weather, that whether or not this present Christmastide will be an old fashioned one with plenty of snow on the ground—and in London at all events, the attendant comforts—or whether or not it will be wet and muggy, as has too often been the case for many years past, it is, at the moment of writing, quite impossible to say. For this reason, it would be obviously premature to formulate an opinion as to how those who cater for the outdoor amusement of the public will fare, and whether the excellent provision they have been announcing, for some time past, for the chief among the Christmas holidays will have a fair opportunity of being appreciated. Even those who provide indoor amusement will find the Treasury fuller or less full according as the weather is more or less fine. Still, as there is no knowing the changes which a single period of twenty-four hours may bring forth, it will not be out of place to give a rough sketch of the various entertainments which are promised us.

Pantomimes, of course, as peculiar to Christmas, claim our first attention, and we think it matter for general satisfaction, that it will find a home at so many of our theatres. "Old Drury" promises to present to us "Mother Goose," by the veteran Blanchard, the music being especially composed by F. Wallerstein. The cast in the opening part will include Miss Kate Santley, Miss Emma D'Auban, Miss Marian D'Auban, and Messrs. John D'Auban, James Fawn, Charles Ross, Julian Girard, &c. The principal dancers are Mdlle. Palladino and the Misses Percival and Clara Fisher, and the Clowns Fred Evans, the Little Rowella, and Little Bertie Coote; scenery by William Telbin, Henry Cuthbert, and Henry Emden. "Valentine and Orson," by Mr. F. C. Burnand, is the title of the pantomime at Covent Garden; it will have the benefit of Bro. F. B. Chatterton's large experience as stage manager, while the ballet and general pantomimic effects will be arranged by Mr. Cormack. Mr. William Beverley will prepare the scenery; Mr. Karl Meyder provides the music; and among the artists engaged are the Vokes Family, Mr. F. Barsby, H. Payne and C. Laurie as clowns, &c. Costumes by Mrs. S. May and Miss Fisher. The above will be presented for the first time on Boxing-night, but at the Surrey and Grecian a sort of grand public rehearsal has been arranged for Christmas Eve. At the former the pantomime, by Mr. F. W. Green, is entitled "Hop-o-my Thumb," and was to be produced under the joint auspices of Messrs. George Conquest and Holland. Turning to the East of London, we find the Bros. Douglass who, at the Standard, by all accounts are likely to have well sustained their reputation, and the same may be said of the fair proprietress of the Britannia. The first representation of the Crystal Palace Pantomime "Aladdin," by the Brothers Grimm, took place on Thursday, the leading characters being enacted by Mr. Venne Cook, Mr. W. Randall, Miss Hudspeth (Mrs. E. Phelps), Miss Edith Bruce, and music by Mr. Oscar Barrett, Harlequinade by Mr. W. Hawkins. On Boxing Day at the Alexandra Palace will be performed "Puss in Boots," written by Mr. Frank Stainforth, with music by W. Corri and ballets by John Lauri; principal characters by Miss Julia St. Ledger, Miss Clyffordo, Miss Caroline Parkes; Messrs. Rayner, Lauri, the Great Deeona, &c. At the Gaiety was given yesterday the new Christmas burlesque of the "Forty Thieves" by Mr. Reece; principal artists, Misses Farren, Vaughan, Gilchrist, Messrs. Terry, Royce, Dallas, &c. At several of the theatres, such as the Haymarket, the Lyceum, &c., the present programme will be continued; while at the Royal Princess's will be produced on Boxing Night "The Fool's Revenge." At Her Majesty's, Haverley's American Colored Mastodon Minstrels will re-appear on Monday. Yesterday was fixed for the re-opening of the Mohawks at the Agricultural Hall, with a grand special programme suitable to the occasion, afternoon performances being given at three p.m. on Boxing Day and the day following. The Christy's, at St. James's Hall, open also with a special programme, and at the Royal Aquarium will take place a "Sta-

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pendous Spectacular Splendour," entitled "A Night in Pekin." Hengler's Circus, the Royal Polytechnic, and other places of entertainment will also offer many new and attractive items to this ordinary round of amusements. Thus, if the weather is not over propitious for out-door sports and pastimes, there is very little likelihood of there being a lack of choice, to judge from the brief outline we have given above of the spectacular and dramatic representations which are either promised us or have already been began.

CONSECRATION OF THE WILLIAM OF WYKEHAM LODGE, No. 1883.

THE Rev. A. A. Headley Prov. G. Chaplain, W.M. elect of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 309, Fareham, delivered the following oration on the occasion of the Consecration of this Lodge on Monday, 13th inst.:—Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Masters, Officers and Brethren,—The duty of saying a few words by way of customary oration has now fallen upon me, and let me assure you that I esteem it a high privilege to be invited to address a meeting at which so many brethren of Masonic eminence and ability are gathered together. I feel, in the presence of some who may be well called "Fathers in Israel," that it may appear almost presumptuous on my part to tell them what is the foundation on which Masonry rests, and what is the nature and design of the institution. The words of the great Hooker must plead for me. I must ask you, in his words, "Regard not who it is that speaketh, but weigh only what is spoken." If in anything I am going to say to-day I travel over ground well trodden before, if my oration seem in some respects a thrice-told tale, I must ask your Masonic indulgence for two reasons. First, although the ground may be well trodden, it is for that very reason that I would ask you to pass over it once more. There is but one royal road in Masonry as in everything else, and along that royal road so many men of eminence have passed that we shall do well if we follow in their footsteps. We have a very high authority which bids us "ask for the old paths." Secondly, if the tale be a thrice-told one, what of that? If we really love Masonry the recital of its good qualities will ever be refreshing to our minds. We shall be like children who, having heard us tell a charming story, beg us to tell it over again the very moment we have finished it. The wise man will ever bring out of his treasury things old as well as new. We have met together to-day to consecrate a new Lodge, and, at the opening of a new Lodge the question naturally occurs to many minds, "Why should this Lodge be opened?" We within its walls are at no loss to supply an answer. But what reason can we give to the uninstructed world who are not Masons? When the Masonic clothing has been laid aside, when we have locked our secrets in a safe and sacred repository, when we mingle with the outer world, are we not sure to have the question asked us, "What is the use of another Lodge?" This question is intimately connected with another—"What is the use of Freemasonry?" We must be ready to give an answer. We must remember that we live in an age of inquiry; an age, to a certain extent, of rooting up and pulling down; an age in which the dearest traditions which the human heart can cherish will not be respected, merely because they are traditions in which old institutions will not be preserved merely because they are old. There is a want of reverence in the present generation of which our forefathers knew nothing. There are many who have a genuine contempt for the past. It is dead and gone. It has nothing to teach them, nothing to impart to them in the way of vigour and of life. It has no claims on living, working, thinking men. Do not let us imagine then for one moment that the antiquity of Masonry is in itself a sufficient reason for preserving it in the present day. But there are two ways in which a thing may be old. Look at two trees! The one old, decayed, losing by every winter's storm some of those branches which were its glory, till it becomes a mere wreck of a tree, old and unsightly, an eyesore on the fair landscape. Look at another tree, in whose very age consists its massive beauty. I have such a one in my mind's eye at present—a giant oak, which has been spared while its neighbours have been felled, which has a space cleared round it, so that nothing may interfere with a full view of its magnificent proportions. We need not ask, brethren, which of these trees Freemasonry resembles. Decay and decrepitude and distortion have found no place in the fabric of our noble science. Vigorous and healthful it rears its head above all its brethren of the forest—above any institution in any way claiming kindred with it. It is only while it keeps in this state of vigorous old age that we have an answer to give to the outside world to their questions—Why does Freemasonry exist? Each one who loves Masonry must surely desire that it should be kept in this prosperous condition. How is this to be done? There is one way, and one only, by which it can continue its healthful career, namely, by adhering closely to the ancient landmarks of the Order, by resting firmly on that foundation of which we, as Masons, boast. Dr. Anderson, who was Grand Warden in 1723, declared that "the end and moral purpose of Masonry is to subdue our passions, not to do our own will; to make a daily progress in a laudable art; to promote morality, charity, good fellowship, good nature, and humanity." Whence is it that this end is derived? There can be but one source, the first of those great though emblematic lights which greets each newly-obligated candidate in our Lodges—the Volume of the Sacred Law. That is the real foundation. Do not let me be mistaken. It has been well said that Freemasonry is not a religious society, professing to teach and define the dogical truth, but a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. It is no more part of her domain to lay down theological truth than it is the part of the musician to prescribe regarding artistic beauty, though music and painting are twin sisters, even as religion and morality must go hand in hand. Freemasonry is a religious society, so far as this—She is founded on the Volume of the Sacred Law. She declares that unless a man believes in a personal God and a future state that man is not to be entrusted with the sacredness of an obligation, that man is not to be permitted even to cross the threshold of the first degree. Think how important this is! I may have seemed to dwell on this point, but at the consecration of a new Lodge I cannot well do otherwise, because the prosperity of the new Lodge will depend upon the characters of the individual brethren who form it being moulded upon the principal laid down in that sacred volume. The foundation is laid to-day, but the superstructure is left to the brethren who form the Lodge. It is in their hands whether they rise, even as our Grand Master King Solomon did, a beautiful home abounding in glory and excellency, or whether it be marred and disfigured. If each member of this new Lodge be careful in the building up of his own individual temple, the temple of his body according to the principles of Freemasonry, then the united temple, this Lodge, will be fair and harmonious. Let each remember the foundation on which Masonry rests—the Volume of the Sacred Law, let each remember the duties it inculcates—the practice of every moral and social virtue, let each remember the important duties he owes to God, his neighbour, and himself, let prudence direct him, temperance chasten him, and justice be the guide of all his actions—then, and then only, will he be able to give an answer to the outer world, "Why Masonry exists?" "Why this new Lodge has been consecrated?" The best answer of all is the epitaph on our alleged Grand Master Sir Christopher Wren, "Si quæris monumentum circumspice." Do you want to know what Masonry is? Look around. Regard its unselfish labours of love. It educates the orphan, and cheers the widow's heart. It relieves the distress, and comforts the sorrowing. It helps us all to become better men, wiser men, holier men. Let us at the opening of this new Lodge determine that within its walls the theory and practice of Freemasonry may never be divided, and that its true principles may accompany us when we leave this room and engage in our daily avocations. If this be so, may we not be sure that the William of Wykeham Lodge, at Winchester, will be as great in its day and generation as he after whom it is named was in his.

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Lodge of Benevolence held its monthly meeting at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday evening. The chairs of the President, Senior and Junior Vice Presidents, were occupied by Bros. Joshua Nunn P.G.S B., Senior Vice President, James Brett P.G.P. Junior Vice President, and S. Rawson Past District Grand Master of China. There was a large attendance of brethren. Recommendations to the amount of £500 made at last meeting were first confirmed. There were forty-five new cases on the list, the largest number the Lodge has ever had before it at one meeting. The President called the brethren's attention to this fact, and stated that the Lodge had this year already exceeded its income by £1200. The brethren then considered these cases. After sitting nearly four hours and a half, the list was disposed of. Three cases were deferred, being incomplete. The remaining forty-two were relieved, with a total sum of £958. The amount granted by the Lodge during the year is £9,223, and 308 cases have been relieved.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. E. S. MAIN.

THE services of a zealous member of the Craft were on Thursday evening, the 16th inst., recognised in a manner that must have been highly gratifying to the recipient of a substantial expression of appreciation of his efforts in the cause of Masonry, more especially in connection with the foundation of the Landport Lodge, No. 1776, which is held in the Freemasons' Hall, Commercial-road, Landport, and had already attained a large measure of success. Bro. E. S. Main P.M. and P.Z. P.P.G.D.C. having intimated his desire to retire from the Secretaryship of the Lodge, of which he was one of the Founders, and the duties of which he has performed with conspicuous energy and ability, it was thought that the time had arrived for the presentation of a testimonial. The readiness with which the brethren contributed must enhance the value of the testimonial, which was presented on Thursday evening at the supper which followed the regular meeting, when, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M. (Bro. C. G. Adames), Bro. G. A. Green P.M. P.P.G.D.C. occupied the chair, and about fifty brethren were present. The presentation to Bro. Main consisted of a handsome black marble fourteen day clock (supplied by Bro. G. Dimmer, of High-street, Portsmouth). A silver slab bore the following inscription:—

Presented to
Bro. E. S. Main, P.M., P.Z., and P.P.G.D. of the County of Hants,
By his Masonic Friends,
In recognition of his great services, on his retirement from the
Secretaryship of the Landport Lodge, No. 1776.
16th December 1880.

A fine tricord piano, by Warne, of the value of £15, was presented to Mrs. Main. The presentation was made in suitable terms by the Chairman, and Bro. Main tendered his thanks in a lengthy speech, relating principally to Masonic matters. A large portion of the evening was devoted to harmony, Bro. Miles, the Lodge Organist, rendering welcome assistance.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills.—Much watchfulness must be exercised at the present time, and the earliest symptoms of disorder must be promptly checked—even a slight chill may result in a serious malady. Relaxed and sore throat, influenza, coughs, colds, shortness of breath, bronchitis, and all other pulmonary affections will be relieved by rubbing the Ointment well on the chest as far as practicable to the seat of mischief. Without delay, as much and as often as is necessary, the Ointment should be rubbed into the throat, chest, and back, as directed for the use of the Pills. These directions during infancy and youth. Old sufferers should well observe. Millions relief from the use of Holloway's remedies, which have brought to many such sufferers, and re-established health, after every other means had signally failed.

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THE MOTHER CITY OF AMERICAN FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In quoting from Henry Price's letter of Aug. 6, 1755, I have omitted one passage, which with your permission I will now introduce, by re-stating the terms of the said letter, so far, as in my judgment, these bear upon the topic under discussion in your columns.

[*Copy of Letter from Henry Price, dated August* 6, 1755.*]

"I would inform you that . . . I Recd my Deputation from the Right Honble Lord Montague in April 1733 . . . *We are the oldest (or first Constituted) Regular Lodge in America* . . . Masonry has had as great Success in America Since my settling here as in any part of the World (except England). Here is not less than Forty Lodges Sprung from my first Lodge in Boston . . . I have some remote thoughts of once more seeing London with all Brethren in the Grand Lodge after Twenty Two years absence."

"Boston, New England,
August 6, 1755."

I am desirous of drawing attention to the passage distinguished by italics. According to my view, it is not a little singular, that Bro. H. Bell in 1754, and Henry Price in 1755, should each have employed the term "Regular Lodge," in evident contra-distinction to some other Masonic organisation, with which they were familiar.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

18th Dec. 1880.

* Address upon Henry Price. By W. S. Gardner, Grand Master, p 82.

WITHDRAWAL OF VISITORS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—For the information of "THE IRREPRESSIBLE TOMKINS," I beg to refer him to the report of the proceedings of the Goodwill Lodge, Port Elizabeth, contained in your issue of the 21st September 1878, and to your leader of same date, headed, "Visitors: their Rights and Privileges."

How you, Sir, can reconcile your reasoning of 1878 with that contained in the CHRONICLE of last week is a matter which does not further concern,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN CONSTABLE.

328 Mansion House Chambers,
20th December 1880.

[With all due respect to Bro. Constable, we must point out to him that our article of 1878 and our editorial note of last week *are* reconcilable. The former was based on certain "ifs," the latter on more precise information contained in our reporter's footnote to his notice of Tranquillity, No. 185, and as yet uncontradicted by Bro. Constable himself. The difference between our position in 1878 and 1880 is, that in the latter year we are in possession of the reason why the W.M. of the Goodwill Lodge requested Bro. Constable to retire, namely, because the business did not concern a stranger. We did not know this in 1878. We will further take the liberty of pointing out that in the report which appeared in our columns of this particular meeting of the Goodwill Lodge, it was mentioned that the W.M. expressed willingness to retract his wish for Bro. Constable's withdrawal if the latter insisted on his rights and privileges, which, be it remarked, only extend to presence during ordinary business; but the offer was declined. Thus Bro. Constable, i the first place objected to the W.M.'s invitation to withdraw, and, in the next place, declined his invitation to remain. Probably, when our brother considers the facts of the case more seriously he will admit either that he should not have objected to withdraw, or that he should have accepted the W.M.'s invitation to remain.—ED. F.C.]

AN APPEAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—As I was requested, by a resolution passed at a public meeting, to act as honorary secretary to a Bazaar in aid of St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, I may be pardoned for asking you to accord me space in your columns to appeal to the public for help.

Charles Reade, the eminent author, says with reference to it, "The fatal scurvy, the foul leprosy, the maddening eczema, are all skin-diseases, and all far more common than supposed, causing the sufferers to be despised or shunned, whereas internal maladies invite the boon of sympathy. Take the fate of domestic servants so afflicted. Their employers dismiss them, however meritorious, and their friends shun them; mental despair too often follows, and they say with the Patriarch Job, whose bodily affliction, selected by knowledge and malignity in person, was a disease of the skin, 'my misery is greater than I can bear.'

"Against such a weight of suffering, shame and sorrow, what is the special provision in our enormous city? I am acquainted only with one small hospital—that ought to be a great one, and will be in a year if the public pleases.

"This is St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin in Leicester-square, where the medical officers prescribe on an average for nearly four hundred patients every week. It has already admitted 25,175 new patients.

"It is open without payment to all creeds and all races, the sole credentials for admission being disease and poverty. A leper from India, a Jew from New York, a labourer from New Zealand, mariners from Germany, a clerk from France, have been some of its inmates."

The Bazaar will take place in June next. In the meantime St. John's Hospital labours under a heavy load of debt. I beg you, therefore, to let me urge your readers to subscribe *now* to the Bazaar Fund, and these amounts shall be at once handed over to the Hospital. A more deserving charity does not exist. I shall also be very glad to receive the names of ladies who will work for the Bazaar. Contributions may be sent to the Chairman of the Hospital, the Right Hon. W. N. Massey, M.P., 71 Chester-square, S.W.; to its Treasurer, Major Mercier, 13 High-road, Knightsbridge, S.W.; to the following members of the Board of Management: the Marquis Townshend, Balls Park, Herts; Sir Charles Palmer, Bart., Dorney Court, near Windsor; or Col. Gourley, M.P., Sunderland; also to the London and County Bank, Albert Gate, London, S.W., and the London Joint Stock Bank, Pall Mall, S.W., and to

Your obedient servant,

12 Ovington-gardens, S.W. ROSA FREELAND,
20th Dec. 1880. Hon. Secretary.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.

Ancient Ebor Preceptory, No. 101.—A regular Chapter of this Preceptory was held at York, on Tuesday, The E. P. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett presided, and there were present—E. Fratres Sir James Meek, Wm. Lawton, Rev. W. Valentine, T. B. Whytehead, and J. S. Cumberland; and Fratres Geo. Simpson, T. W. Wilson, E. Houlden and others. The Registrar Fra. T. B. Whytehead reported that the address to the members of Mary Commandery, Philadelphia, decided to be prepared at the last Chapter, had been executed, forwarded, and duly received, and had been presented by E. Fratre C. E. Meyer to the E. Commander and members of that Commandery, and proceeded to read letters acknowledging the gift and thanking the members of Ebor Preceptory for their fraternal remembrance. The election of E. Preceptor then took place, the choice of the members falling upon Fratre Geo. Simpson (Const.) who is one of the oldest members of the Preceptory. E. Fratre T. B. Whytehead was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Two Auditors were appointed. Some other matters relative to the welfare of the Order in the Province were discussed, the alms were collected, and the Chapter was closed. The installation will take place in the month of March.

Mount Sinai Chapter of Instruction, No. 19.—The weekly meeting of this Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction was held on Saturday evening, 18th December, at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Piccadilly. Comps. J. H. Watts M.E.Z., J. B. Docker H., James Long J., C. A. Cottebrune P.Z. Preceptor as S.E., W. Sitch S.N., Haslett P.S., Thompson M.E.Z. elect 619. Edmonds, J. Palmer, &c. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. J. Palmer being the candidate. After some matters had been disposed of, the Chapter was closed, and adjourned until the first Saturday in January, the next regular meeting day being Christmas Day. This Chapter of Instruction is attended by some of the most talented Royal Arch Masons, and any one seeking proficiency in the exalted science will here always find those who are able and willing to give the best instruction.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—This old-established Chapter met, as usual, at the Jamaica Coffee House, on Tuesday, 21st inst. Comps. Lardner Z., R. Payne H., Lovegrove J., Pennefather S.W., Dottridge P.S. The minutes of the last Convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed in a most perfect manner, Comp. Edmonds candidate. The following were elected to office for the next two meetings—Comps. Bloomfield Z., R. Payne H., Dottridge J., Lardner S.N., Swain P.S. A guinea was voted towards the Christmas Entertainment of the Old Folks at Croydon. It was announced that the ceremony of installation of Principals would be rehearsed by Comp. W. Stephens P.Z. 862 874 1365 1189, Prov. Grand Assist. Soj. of Kent, on the third Tuesday in January, to commence at 6 o'clock punctually. The Chapter was then closed, and the Convocation adjourned until Tuesday, 4th January.

ROYAL POLYTECHNIC.—Utopia, a Grand Fairy Romance,—The Electrical Railway,—Great Lightning Inductorium,—a Lecture on Scientific Wonders,—Musical Sketches,—Christmas and its Customs,—Humorous Recitals by Madame Hickson,—Blondin, Leotard,—Diving Bell, &c. Admission to the whole, 1s. Open from 11 till 5, and from 6 till 10.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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YORK LODGE, No. 236.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York, on Monday evening, the 20th inst. Present Bros. W. H. Gainforth W.M., M. Rooke S.W., J. S. Rymer J.W., J. Todd P.M. P.P.G. Reg. Treasurer, G. Garbutt S.D., W. Draper J.D., W. Powell I.G., J. G. Hodgson D.C., and W. Smith Steward; Past Masters—J. E. M. Young P.P.G.C., R.W. Hollon P.G.T. P.G.D.C., F. Rawling, A. Buckle, B.A., P.G.J.D., W. Lawton P.P.G. Reg., T. B. Whytehead P.P.G.D.C., G. Balmford P.P.G. Organist, Swann Maltby, A. Haffner, C. G. Padel P.G.O.; Bros. T. S. Camidge P.P.G.O., W. Wilson, J. Redfare, A. Hanson, G. Houlden, W. Thompson, J. Stead, A. M. White, F. H. Bland, W. Nicholson, J. Toes, G. K. Hitchcock, J. G. Turner, Geo. C. Lee, H. Churchill, T. Russell, T. Tuke; Visiting Brethren—Rev. C. E. Camidge Falcon Lodge Thirsk P.P.G.C., A. Wove, W. Flint, R. Graham, and Dr. W. Paley, De Grey and Ripon, 837, P.S.G.W. W. Yorkshire. The Lodge having been opened in due form, it was announced that the Very Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust, D.D., Dean of York, Grand Chaplain of England, requested admittance. A deputation of Past Masters was appointed by the Worshipful Master to conduct the Very Worshipful Brother into the Lodge, and upon his entrance he was saluted with grand honours. The W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, expressed his sense of the honour conferred upon it by the presence of the Grand Chaplain, and the gratification experienced by its members when the dignity of Dean of the ancient Cathedral City, in which they were assembled, was conferred upon a brother so eminent and distinguished in the Craft. The Dean, who was most enthusiastically received, after thanking the brethren for the cordial reception given him, said that it afforded him much pleasure to be present on that occasion, to make the acquaintance of his Masonic brethren in York; expressed his regret that circumstances had hitherto prevented his attendance at the Lodge of which he had been admitted a member, and assured the brethren of his deep interest in the well-being and prosperity of the Craft. The minutes of the two previous Lodges were read and confirmed, after which, at the request of the W.M., Bro. Todd P.M. took the chair as Installing Master, and opened the Lodge in the second degree. The W.M. elect Bro. Mark Rooke S.W. was then presented by Bros. Hollon and Lawton, Past Masters; the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, and Bro. Rooke was duly installed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Todd in his accustomed efficient and impressive manner. The W.M. afterwards appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year, namely, Bros. W. H. Gainforth I.P.M., J. S. Rymer S.W., G. Kirby J.W., the very Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust, D.D., Dean of York, V.W. Grand Chaplain of England, and P.D.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, Chaplain; J. Todd P.M. P.P.G. Reg. Treasurer, A. Buckle, B.A., P.M. P.J.G.D. Secretary, G. K. Hitchcock Assistant Secretary, G. Garbutt S.D., W. Draper J.D., T. G. Hodgson M.C., T. Tuke Organist, W. Powell I.G., W. Smith S.S., W. Nicholson J.S., W. G. Calvert Tyler. The Lodge was afterwards duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room and partook of supper, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and honoured. The Dean, in reply to the toast of H.R.H. The Grand Master and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, paid a high compliment to the manner in which H.R.H. performed the ceremony of laying the foundation stones of Truro Cathedral, and pointed out to the brethren the great value of Masonry as tending to foster andd iffuse what was so much needed in these times—a brotherly and charitable spirit.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist will be celebrated by a Banquet at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 28th instant.

LODGE ELIOT, No. 1164, ST. GERMANS.

THE installation of the W.M. Elect, Bro. Richard Steed, took place on 16th instant. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. J. B. Kerswell P.P.G.S.B., assisted by Bro. P.M. Joseph Rawling, of 1071. The others of the Board of Installed Masters present were:—J. Cardew P.P.G.S.D., N. Henwood P.P.G.S., J. P. Creber, W. F. Creber, W. H. Maynard, H. Pole, F. S. Hawke, all Past Masters of 1164, and James Pearce the W.M. of Lodge Zetland, 1071, Saltash. The W.M. selected the following for his Officers—F. Johns I.P.M., J. Basset S.W., S. Waviack J.W., R. Q. Betty S.D., W. M. Foreman J.D., P. O'Doherty I.G., P.M. George Barnes Treasurer, P.M. W. F. Creber Secretary; John Hawke Tyler, who was re-appointed. The accounts of the Lodge having been examined and found correct by the auditors, there still remained a balance of £5 5s against the Lodge. Bro. P.M. Henry Pole said that being the only balance of an unpaid debt, he had very great pleasure in handing in a cheque for the amount. The furniture of Lodge Eliot is very good, and there is this consolation that both the Craft Lodge and the Chapter are free from debt. P.M. Pole has been extremely liberal ever since he has been a member. The annual banquet was afterwards held at the Eliot Arms, and reflected great credit on Mrs. Jenkins, the hostess. In addition to the above-named, there were present from Lodge Zetland, 1071, Saltash—Bro. E. C. Vosper J.W., T. D. Deeble S.D., J. C. Kinsman Tyler, Captain J. G. Tomlin and J. Dillon Stewards; and Bro. Bray of Lodge Eliot. The evening was spent very convivially, and it was stated that the meeting and banquet was one of the best ever held in connection with Lodge Eliot.

Dunheved Lodge, No. 789.—At the regular monthly meeting of the members of Launceston Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, 14th inst., Bro. John Kittow S.W. was unanimously re-elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Bro. H. M. Harvey was elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Fidler re-appointed Tyler.

Enfield Lodge, No. 1237.— The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at the George Hotel, Enfield, and there were present—Bros. Oxley W.M., Taverner S.W., Bryant acting J.W., Poore S.D., A. G. Fidler I.G., R. Mathison P.M. Treasurer, J. H. Thompson P M. Secretary, and a good muster of the brethren. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Driscoll P.M. 30 and P.P.G.P. Middlesex, Stephens P.M. 754, Goodwin 1623, Reville 1310, Everdell S.D. 1579, Dickerson 177, Horne 1805, Garrod J.W. 754, Smith W.S. 754, Wells P.M. 754, Rowe D.C. 754, and Maller P.M. 754. Lodge having been opened and the usual preliminaries observed, Bro. E. F. Day of the Polish National Lodge was unanimously elected a joining Member. Lodge was then opened up to the third degree, and Bro. Oxley conferred the sublime degree of M.M. upon Bro. Watts. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. H. Thompson, who resumed the Lodge to the second degree. Bro. J. A. Taverner was then presented for the benefit of installation, and was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The Board of Installed Masters having been closed, on the return of the brethren to the Lodge, the new W.M. was proclaimed in the three degrees, after which he proceeded to invest his Officers as follow:—Bro. E. Poore S.W., A. Bryant J.W., R. Mathison Treasurer, J. H. Thompson Secretary, A. G. Fidler S.D., F. C. Herbert J.D., J. M. Collins I.G., G. Tegg D.C., Very Tyler. The usual addresses were then given, the whole ceremony being conducted by the Installing Master Bro. J. H. Thompson in a most effective and able manner. The W.M. then initiated into the mysteries of the Craft Messrs. W. Wheelhouse sen., W. Wheelhouse jun., Taverner and Grimley (who had been previously balloted for), in a manner which showed to the brethren their Lodge had lost none of its former prestige by electing Bro. J. A. Taverner as their Master for current year. Other business of a minor character having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, well and substantially provided by Bro. Mathison, the host. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bros. Driscoll and Stephens responded to the toast of the Visitors; Bros. Cecil and Thompson to that of the Past Masters. On behalf of the Initiates, Bro. Wheelhouse sen. made a most eloquent and effective speech, expressing the great pleasure and pride he felt at being admitted that evening a member of the honourable and ancient Order of Freemasons. During the evening the W.M. invested, on behalf of the members, Bro. Oxley, the retiring W.M., with a handsome jewel, as a token of their esteem and regard, and of their appreciation of the efficient and admirable manner in which he had performed the duties of the chair during the past year. Other toasts followed, and the brethren separated at an early hour, after spending a most enjoyable and happy evening.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 22nd inst., at the Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal Green Junction. Bros. Brittain W.M., Chitson S.W., Ward J.W., Hand Secretary, Clark S.D., Abrahams J.D., Sturtevant I.G.; also Bros. Christian, Quigby, S. Clark, Moss, Clement, McDonald, How, &c. Lodge was opened by the W.M.; minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed; the W.M. worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. How acting as candidate. Bro. McDonald worked the fifth, sixth and seventh sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—Held at Bro. Stevenson's, The Mitford Tavern, near Hackney Downs Junction, Bro. W. H. Myers Preceptor. On Monday last Bro. T. E. Goddard presided as W.M., there being also present Bros. Robson S.W., Franckel J.W., McDonald, Partridge, Brevetor, Kimbell, Seymour-Clarke Sec., and others. After the usual formalities Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Partridge was questioned and entrusted. Lodge being opened in the third degree, the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed by the W.M., and Bro. McDonald worked the three sections of the lecture. Lodge was then closed down, and Bro. J. Robson S.W. was elected W.M. for Monday 3rd January. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

Chigwell Lodge of Instruction, No. 1457.—This well-appointed Lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Friday, the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Buckhurst Hill, when there were present Bros. J. Doyley W.M., Taylor S.W., Sewell J.W., Austen S.D., Day J.D., J. W. Davies I.G., Christian P.M. Preceptor; Bros. Holloway, Clarkson sen., Clarkson jun. Lodge opened in due form, with solemn prayer, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Christian as candidate. Bro. Taylor worked the first and second sections of the lecture, in a manner alike creditable to himself and pleasing to the brethren. Bro. Taylor was unanimously elected to occupy the chair on the 31st inst. He returned thanks in suitable terms, and the Lodge was closed in due form, according to ancient custom. The next meeting falls on New Year's Eve; a rich treat is anticipated from the working of the W.M., who is most popular amongst members of the Craft. Visiting brethren are cordially invited to attend. Lodge opens at 7.30 p.m.

Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, Hampton.—An emergency meeting, for work only, was summoned on Saturday, 18th inst., at six o'clock. Bro. T. W. Ockenden W.M. presided. The Wardens, Deacons and Inner Guard were absent, but each Officer sent an apology for non-attendance. Their respective positions were occupied by Bros. J. C. Jessett I.P.M. as S.W., A. Tozer as J.W., W. Hammond P.P.G.D. of the Province Sec. as Deacon, Messenger as I.G.; and there were also present—Bros. Knowles M.C., Carpenter, F. W. Smith 1656, Henry Tozer 1326, Lane, Tyler, &c. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the W.M. at once proceeded to initiate Mr.

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Marcus Burr into the mysteries of the Craft, and also worked the lecture on the Tracing-board and delivered the Charge. On the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the Secretary, Bro. F. T. V. Honeywell P.M. 889 P.G.O. Middlesex was unanimously elected an hon. member of the Lodge. Bro. J. C. Jessett was duly appointed Steward for the next Festival of the R.M.B.I., and the Lodge heads his list with twenty guineas. Lodge was closed with solemn prayer and in perfect harmony.

Kings Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—A regular meeting was held on the 19th instant, at Bro. Devine's, Blue Posts, Charlette-street, Fitzroy-square. Bros. N. Valentine W.M., Burgess S.W., F. Silvester J.W., Devine Treas., L. Solomons Sec., L. Jacobs S.D., Ginger J.D., E. Kauffmann I.G., Hemming Tyler; Bros. C. Joseph, Dicketts, Pierdon, Proctor, E. Harvey, Birrell, H. M. Levy, J. Silvester, J. Harvey, Davis, Norman, Wheeler, J. C. Smith, J. Edwards, and Lambourne. Lodge was opened, and minutes were confirmed. The first, second, fourth, and fifth sections of the first lecture were worked. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Birrell acing as candidate. Bros. J. A. Harvey 1314 and E. Harvey 1314 were elected members. The working of the W.M. and the brethren who assisted with the sections deserves praise. Bro. Burgess was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge of Instruction was then closed. Bro. Hemming ably fulfils the duties of Preceptor.

Creaton Lodge, No. 1791.—This Lodge—named after the present Grand Treasurer—held its regular meeting on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., under the presidency of Bro. J. H. Johnson, supported by Bros. J. Williams S.W., Neilson J.W., E. Thurkle P.M. Treasurer, J. I. Cantle P.M. Secretary, W. Carrington J.D., R. G. Shute I.G., W. Williams D.C., Ferguson and R. H. Rogers Stewards, Col. Creaton I.P.M. Grand Treasurer, and a numerous attendance of brethren. The Lodge was honoured by a visit from the R.W. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett Prov. G.M. Middlesex, and Bros. J. T. Rucker P.G.D., S. Leith Tomkins P.G.D., Æneas McIntyre, Q.C., G.R., Philbrick, Q.C., D.P.G.M. Essex, and many other distinguished brethren. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. J. P. Seagrave Zetland Lodge No. 511 was unanimously elected a joining member. The Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and the W.M. ably and impressively raised Bros. B. Brett, T. Hine, and T. Richards, Bro. Kift playing appropriate music during the ceremony. The election for W.M. then took place. The choice of the brethren was unanimously in favour of Bro. J. Williams S.W. Bro. Thurkle P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Woodcock P.M. Tyler. Bros. Walters, Colville, and Captain Helder were elected Auditors. Bro. Cantle P.M. said that during the past year the W.M. had given such satisfaction to the Lodge, that the gift of a Past Master's jewel had been unanimously sanctioned by the members, the same as had been presented to Brother Colonel Creaton I.P.M. on his leaving the chair. He had now the pleasure of presenting it to the Worshipful Master. The Lodge was then closed until the second Thursday in February. A very sumptuous and *recherché* banquet was provided by Bro. A. Best, and served under the superintendence of Bro. Dawkins. Grace having been sung, the W.M. gave the toast of the Queen and the Craft, and the National Anthem was sung, Miss Grace Godolphin sustaining the solo parts. Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett responded to the toast of the Grand Officers. Col. Creaton, in eulogistic terms, proposed the health of the W.M., who, in his capacity of Warden, had well done what was required of him; and as a Master was fulfilling all their anticipations. He was convinced the brethren would give the toast the reception it merited. After a song by Bro. Cantle, the W.M. thanked the Grand Treasurer for his kind expressions, and the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast. When he was installed into the chair he promised to do his duty, and he trusted he had done so to their satisfaction. He had to tender his thanks to every brother in the Lodge for the support he had received. The next toast was that of the Visitors. The W.M. called upon Bro. R. F. Gould, Grand Deacon, to respond. Bro. Gould briefly acknowledged the compliment, referring, in eulogistic terms, to the way in which the work had been conducted, and to the bounteous hospitality the members displayed. The next toast on the list was the health of the Secretary, who was likewise a Founder of the Lodge. The W.M. said that the members on this occasion entrusted him with a most agreeable duty—that was to present Bro. Cantle with a testimonial, consisting of a clock and two vases; he could have wished that some one of more elevated rank had been entrusted with the duty, but he was fully assured no one could do it with heartier good wishes. In addition, the Officers of the Lodge had requested him, on their behalf, to tender for Bro. Cantle's acceptance, a ring in token of his being wedded to the Lodge and its services. After a descriptive recital by Bro. W. G. Reynolds, Bro. Cantle expressed his acknowledgments. Afterwards the remaining toasts were fully honoured, and able responses made. In due course the Tyler was summoned, and the brethren separated.

General Lawrence has been this month elected to the Grand Mastership of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, U.S.A. The brethren of this jurisdiction work extremely well together, and, we doubt not, will so continue to do under the auspices of their new chief.

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The Freemason's Manual; or, Illustrations of Masonry. Containing, in addition to the Rites sanctioned by the United Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of England and Wales, the Mark Man and Mark Master, a full account of all the Degrees included in the Ancient and Accepted Rite; together with the Knights Templar Degrees, the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, the Royal Order of Scotland, and brief notices of the Rites professing to be connected with Freemasonry, &c., &c. By JEREMIAH HOW, K.T. 30°, Past Master of Lodges Nos. 69 and 661, P.Z. of Chapters Nos. 410 and 452; P. Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies of Herts and Surrey. Third Edition. Revised and Illustrated. London: John Hogg, Paternoster Row. 1881.

IT is fifteen years since the second edition of this work was published, and, having regard to the extent of the information it contains, we are not surprised that a re-issue should have been called for. It will be a source of satisfaction to our readers to know that it appears under the direct personal supervision of Bro. How himself, who has been aided in his task by several brethren of distinction, and possessing a special degree of knowledge of the section entrusted to them for revision. Under their joint editorship the work has been made as complete as possible as to its information in respect of all the different branches of Freemasonry. Thus, whole chapters or articles have been added on the Royal Order of Scotland, the Order of the Temple as now constituted, the Swedenborgian Rite, the Antient and Primitive Rite, &c., respectively; and these additions, coupled with the emendations made on the previous editions, bear undoubted testimony to the assiduous labours, as well as the ability and research, of Bro. How and his coadjutors. Viewing this Manual as an historical sketch of the various Masonic Rites, we must, of course, enjoin on our readers the necessity there is for not accepting unreservedly the *data* furnished. Indeed, we feel justified in assuming that these particulars, which have been collated from various sources, mostly to some extent trustworthy, are intended to represent not so much a veritable history of various Rites, as an agglomeration of the various records which have from time to time appeared in other works. We do not for one moment imagine, for instance, that Bro. How and his co-editors and reviewers seriously accept the theory that Frederick the Great of Prussia had anything whatever to do with the establishment of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. We have seen it so stated in various works, and with a degree of sincerity which is most creditable to the imagination of their respective authors; but as, in these days, there cannot possibly be more than a few devoted and, we think we may venture to add, misguided enthusiasts who regard this theory with any degree of favour, we conclude that Bro. How's inclusion of it in his article on the A. and A. Rite is not intended as an acceptance of the myth, but merely as indicating that such a myth has been accepted by divers people during the last hundred years or so. In fact, the qualificatives "it is said," which figure in the penultimate paragraph on page 227, and "It appears"—with which the ultimate paragraph begins—would seem to favour this idea of ours, that Bro. How has collected whatever has been written about this Rite in preference to what is actually supportable by evidence. From this it will be seen that our suggestion as to intending readers being cautious in their study of this manual is by no means unnecessary.

Another point to which we think objection will be taken by many of our readers. There is, especially in the chapters devoted to Craft and Arch Masonry, a great deal more said than they will think necessary for the purpose of illustrating the nature and beauty of those degrees. Indeed, the same remark is applicable, to a greater or less extent, to the most generally known branches of Masonry. The utmost care should be taken in making even short quotations—as in the case of a few words or a sentence—and still further care is necessary in describing a ceremony or a lecture.

Having noted what we regard as being most likely to encounter objection, it remains for us to say that Bro. How's Manual as a compilation is very meritorious. There is, no doubt, a large amount of interesting matter bearing upon the history of the different degrees that has been brought together within its pages. We do not say it is all to be accepted—we have, in fact, drawn attention to one theory which, by the majority of sensible brethren, is held to be of no moment whatever. But after all, a Manual must contain a good deal of this class of matter, the one thing needful being not to give too great prominence to what is unworthy of it. The work seems excellently well arranged. In the first chapter is given a rapid sketch of the Ancient Mysteries or Associations analogous to Freemasonry. Then are considered the Masonic Institutions of the Present Era, Freemasonry in its General Application, the Reasons why Masonic secrets should not be revealed and the Importance of those secrets, and the Principles and Government of the Craft. Then are sketched the formation and consecration of a Lodge, with its opening and closing ceremonies, and next the several degrees of the Craft, Arch and Mark Masonry. There are likewise, as we noticed in the beginning of our remarks, articles on the various branches of Masonry, such as the Temple, the Red Cross of Constantine, the A. and A. Rite, &c., &c. No mention, by the way, is made of the Council of the Allied Degree and the Degree of St. Lawrence; at least, if there is, it must be so casual as to have escaped our notice. Other chapters on the Rites of Freemasonry, Solomon's Temple, the Name, Armorial Bearings, Colours, of Freemasonry; and Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty complete the work. An index will enable the reader to find without trouble what he may be in search of. The publisher has done his work well, and we trust will find a reward for his enterprise in the free sale of the edition. It will make a capital addition to the library of the Masonic student.

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IS MASONRY DETERIORATING.

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DEFINITIONS are always called for as preparatory to the comprehensive discussion of any important subject. It is essential, therefore, in order to give an intelligent response to the question placed at the head of this article, that first of all we decide what this word Masonry shall be taken to mean and include; for it is subject to a variety of uses, and may be limited or extended according to what is thought of individual minds. If by Masonry nothing more is intended than reference to the *system* which bears that name, we shall find it an easy task to make a satisfactory response to the question proposed. Masonic principles and tenets have not deteriorated—are not deteriorating. The distinguishing truths of the Masonic system retain their primitive quality; and, probably, these truths were never better understood or more clearly marked out than at the present time. Brotherly love, relief and truth stand now for just what they did one hundred years ago, and have the same clearly understood bearing upon human character and conduct. And so of all the graces and virtues—the precepts and teachings—which attach to the system, they have not been changed in their import, nor have they faded away into indistinctness. Nothing of great principle or abstract truth has been eliminated from the system which the fathers framed so wisely and well.

But suppose we make the term Masonry apply chiefly to the ceremonial and the technical work by which its instructions are communicated and its bonds of obligation fostered—has there been deterioration in this respect? According to our thought it appears far otherwise. The representation of Masonry in all its varied forms of ceremonial unfolding is much more carefully attended to now than at any former period. Lodges for the most part are better situated, have more abundant resources, and are able to illustrate more accurately and impressively the lessons sought to be communicated. The administration of affairs is generally in able hands, stupidity does not often wield the gavel, and greater care is taken than formerly was the case to have everything done decently and in order. Music and other helps have been called in to render the conferring of the degrees more impressive, and to illustrate and enforce the sublime lessons of the Royal Art. Masonry is not deteriorating in the manner of its presentation to the candidate, nor in anything that has to do with its ceremonial unfolding or technical work.

Masonry may be taken, however, to mean an Institution, no less than a system, and the question may be asked whether, as an organisation, it is not deteriorating? It is not losing ground outwardly—this much is certain. The vitality of the Institution does not seem to be impaired. Nevertheless it is more than hinted in some quarters that a serious deterioration is all the time going on in the organized life of Masonry. The charge is, that while the Masonry of to-day avows the same principles and purposes, formulates the same code, administers the same ceremonial that it did a generation or a century ago, the heart has gone out of the Institution, or at least beats feebly, and so it is said Masonry does not now fulfil its mission to mould and bless the higher nature of its members, and to accomplish a great work of beneficence in the world. Every day we are pointed to the want of friendliness and charity among brethren—to the selfish and base uses to which some seek to pervert the Institution—to the neglect of moral and benevolent work on the part of both Lodges and individual members of the Craft, and we are told that these are evidences which show a lowering of the standard which the fathers set up, a falling away from that exalted position which Masonry once maintained. We cannot close our eyes to these blemishes and shortcomings—and to the dangers to which the Masonic organisation is always liable because of the base material that is mixed with the pure gold in its composition. It by no means follows, however, that these limitations and imperfections of the Order have suddenly grown into such magnitude as to become the signs of a great present deterioration and a quick coming death. There have always been selfish men and Masons, and there always will be while human nature is moulded of common clay. The Apostle reminded his fellow Christians that there were "spots on their feasts of charity;" and in the church, as in every other organisation, there have always been manifest the manifold tokens of an imperfect condition. It is a matter of regret that there are so many Masons in name who are not Masons in fact—that there are so many stupid and careless members of the Fraternity—so many mean and sordid souls whose only regard for the Institution depends upon their being able to use its power for selfish ends. It is likewise a cause of regret that the beneficent ministry of Masonry is not more largely exercised, that more and better work for love's sake and for humanity's sake is not done in its name and under its auspices. We may remember, however, that there has always been occasion for regrets such as these, for the work of Masonry has never realized the grand ideal of the best minds within its lines.

Looking the whole field over, we come then to this conclusion: the best Masonry the world has ever known is that of these latter days. The Masonic heritage received out of the past has been greatly added to as years have gone by, and its blessings and helps have come to be much better understood than was the case a hundred years ago. Masonry is not deteriorating, its influence was never so great as now, its purposes were never more noble and glorious, its work was never more helpful to the mental, moral and social nature of its faithful members, nor did the streams of its practical benefactions ever run broader or more freely than in these closing years of the nineteenth century. Masonry is not deteriorating either in form or substance—in outward manifestation or inner life. Its hold of the imperishable truths of God and heaven was never firmer than now, and it was never better prepared to illustrate and enforce these truths for the edification of its own membership and for the good of the world.

MASONIC LECTURE.—Mr. S. Russell Forbes (son of the late Mr. Sam. D. Forbes, of Portsea), has returned to this country from a successful lecturing tour in the United States. We take the following from the *Newport Journal*, of 13th November:—"At the invitation of the St. Paul's Lodge, Mr. S. Russell Forbes, of Rome, delivered his highly interesting and instructive lecture on the "Traces of Masonry amongst the Roman Antiquities," on Tuesday evening, 13th Nov. A good number of the Masons of Newport and its vicinity responded to the invitation of St. Paul's Lodge, and the hall was crowded. The Worshipful Master, W. H. Cotton, opened the Lodge to the third degree, in his usual impressive manner, and then introduced Mr. Forbes to the assembled members of the Craft. The lecturer referred to his long residence in Rome, and to the excavations of the ancient buildings; to his own discoveries there, and called attention to the shape of the city of Rome and its builders, the material employed, and how it was used. He then dwelt upon the marks found on the old walls, drawings of which were handed round for the inspection of the brethren. He showed the traces of Masonry from the earliest times down to the building of Rome B.C. 753, and then traced it through the Republican, Imperial, and Mediæval periods to the present day. He showed, in a clear and concise way, the connection between speculative and operative Masonry, and the object of the Masons' marks. Photographs and drawings of ancient subjects were passed round, which had peculiar interest and told distinctly their story. The lecture was listened to with extreme attention, and at its close Mr. Forbes invited discussion upon his lecture, and answered many questions put to him by the Lodge. A unanimous vote of thanks was given him, and many brethren expressed to him personally the pleasure and profit they had gained by his lecture.—*Portsmouth Times.*

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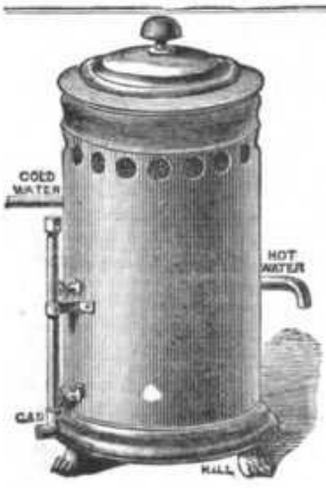
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MISCELLANEA.

Since we completed our sketch of this Lodge from 1823 to the present time, or, in other words, for so long a period as the minutes extend, we have been furnished with a miscellaneous selection of books and papers which have from time to time been in the possession of different Treasurers and Secretaries. The books hardly need to be described, but the papers, though of the most heterogeneous character imaginable, give, here and there, a little insight into the life of the Lodge. Hence we have deemed it worth our while to devote a brief space in order that we may note such scraps as we have been able to collect together. These scraps are, unfortunately, too few in number to perfect the history we have compiled; but many of them relate to the period anterior to 1823, for which, so far as we know at present, no minutes are forthcoming.

The earliest of the papers we have thus been enabled to collate is a bill for £12 0s 6d marked "paid" and dated 28th November 1807, "For a Masonic Throne to the Ionic Order with Castors and Cupboard with lock to do., and 2 Platforms for Wardens." Next is a Stamped Receipt, dated 9th November 1808, for the payment by Mr. S. G. Lewis of £34 6s 3d in respect of "the debt of Lodge 290." This is signed "Hy Quick," (?), so far as it is legible. Following these are several documents relating to the year 1809. These are mostly accounts and are useful to the extent of furnishing us with

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the names of brethren who held office in the Lodge or, in the absence of all description, must be set down as members. The earliest of these is an account for the period from 9th March—10th July 1809, showing Receipts amounting to £47, and expenditure, including balance from preceding statement of £25 10, £71 16 9½; so that at the end of said period the Lodge was indebted to its Treasurer—a Bro. Scarlett—in the sum of £24 6 9½. The expenditure is of the ordinary character, if we except one item £1 10 "for 2 Flanel Gowns." From memoranda on the back we find that among the members of the Lodge were Bros. Lewis, Falchard (?), Cornford, Webb, Raine, and Self, which last may stand for either Bro. Treasurer himself or a member rejoicing in the name of Self. The next document is an account to 14 Nov. 1809, and shows indebtedness to the Treasurer for the increased amount of £27 9 1½. However, on the outside are written the names of the principal Officers, namely, Bros. S. G. Lewis W.M., J. Beare S.W., G. Wainwright J.W. Under date 15 November 1809 is a Receipt by Bro. S. G. Lewis W.M. of Three Guineas from Bro Scarlett "Upon Lodge No. 290's Account for Bro. Gorton's use." We imagine that this may have been a grant by the Lodge to a member in need of help. Yet another account from 13 Nov. 1809 to 9 April 1810 shows the balance due to Treasurer reduced from £27 9 1½ to £23 12 6. In addition are two accounts wafered together, one showing the amounts due by members in respect of dinners, dues, fines, &c. and in the case of Bro. Cornford One Guinea for "Arching" him, to 13th November 1809, and the other a similar document to September 1810, the amount of the former being £15 2, and of the latter £25 9. The following names were entered on their lists, those with a * figuring in both, namely, Bros. Cornford*, Barton*, Raine*, Lewis*, Folkard (probably the same with Falchard already given), Gibson jnn., Rich, Clark*, Winkworth, Priest*, Read*, Ballaset*, Withers*, Hughes*, Jones*, Bastable*, Mutlow*, Rutherford, Fisher, Fowler*, B. Webb, Searle, Withington, Scarlett, R. Sanders, Baldwin, Marter, Mason, Dunn, G. Sanders, Roberts, Hadley, Harding, Wonnysit (? Wainwright), and Otley. The last twelve belong to the year 1810. We may also mention that the Quarterly dues appear to have been five shillings.

From a minute-book extending over the period from 4th November 1810 to 20th October 1811, and recording the meetings of the Lodge of Instruction held under the Lodge Warrant, we gather that the brethren met on Sundays, either fortnightly or weekly, at the Angel Inn, High-street, St. Giles's, and that each member contributed nightly towards the expenses of the meeting the sum of ninepence. On the front half of the cover is entered a memorandum as follows: "2 Porter 10d, 2 Ale 1s 8d, 2 Pints Gin 3s 4d, Ingredients 1s. Tobacco 1s," together with 2s 6d and 4d, but for what is not stated. Thus, the study of our lectures then, as it does now, entailed a certain consumption of fluids.

Under date of "Sunday, Febry. 24th 1811," is a letter couched in the most indignant terms, from Bro. G. Ballisat to the "W. Master and Brothers of Lodge 290." Bro. Ballisat complains of having received from Bro. Roberts a letter requiring him to attend the Lodge under the penalty of being reported to the Stewards of Grand Lodge. He states that he has been dangerously ill, that he is prepared to pay his Lodge dues, but that he does not much care if he is reported, as he claims to be quite as independent in spirit as any of his fellow members. With a view to prevent any misunderstanding, he adds that if his health permits, he intends spending a fortnight at the seaside. Poor Bro. Ballisat! We wonder if your indignant letter had the effect of calming "the W. Master and the Brothers of Lodge 290," and inducing them to appreciate your worth. We imagine it did.

A single sheet has written on one side of it certain minutes of the Holy Royal Arch Chapter, dated 10th March (no year is given, but it is evidently 1811). The following are the names entered, namely: The Right Worshipful Bro. R. Humphreys G.C., Bro. Wainwright and Bro. Gorton H. and J.; Bro. Lewington and Bro. Jacobs Scribes; Bros. Winter, Dormer (?), Dart, Gregson, Warner (exalted), and Mason (exalted). The fees paid by the exaltees were one guinea each, the amount otherwise collected was six shillings, and the Bill reached 15s 9d, leaving a balance of £1 12s 3d, to which, however, had to be added the Balance of seven shillings and sixpence for 31st March. It is added "This Chapter adjourned during Pleasure at 6 o'clock in Perfect Harmony." On the other side the minutes relate to the meeting on 31st March 1811. The names entered are Bro. R. Humphreys Grand Chief, Bro. Wainwright H., Bro. Withington Scribe, Bro. Gorton Scribe, and Bros. Cathres (?) 314, Warner, Dart, Kelley, and Suthard (exalted). The cash collected, including Bro. Suthard's exaltation fee of one guinea, was £1 7s. The expenditure, consisting of House Bill 8s, Tyler 1s, and Registering Fee 10s 6d, reached 19s 6d.

There are two documents relating to 1814 and 1815. One is a receipt, dated 13th May 1814, by J. Allen for the sum of £10 14s, being the balance due to his brother by "Lodge 367 late No. 290." The other, dated 10th July 1815, is from Bro. Bagshaw to Mr. Roberts (No. 367), care of Mr. Hopper, Coach and Horses, Compton-street, Soho, stating his inability to attend that evening, and as he has been unable to find a missing bill, that he (Bro. Roberts) had better state it as amounting to £4 15s, namely, "13 dining at 5s," £3 5s, and Liquor £1 10s, but subject to future correction if found erroneous either in favour of or against the Lodge. Bro. Bagshaw adds that from this must be deducted the "present apparent balance" against him of £1 5s, and also certain fees or dues which he says are due by him to the Lodge.

We next have a letter dated "Brydges Street Covent Garden, 14 Jan. 1818, from Bro. G. Bagshaw Secretary, No. 367, to Bro. David Hughes, Apothecary, Northwich, Cheshire, in which he explains the delay in answering the latter's letter of 12th November 1817, as it had only reached the W.M. the previous evening, and promising to remit certificate, receiving amount of fees at withdrawal (12s), cost of G. Secretary's Certificate (12s), and the postage 11d. Bro. Bagshaw requests the remittance may be made free of expense or otherwise it will fall upon him to pay the charges.

Passing on to the middle of the year 1819, we have a series of memoranda, made up in book form, and extending from 13th July 1819 to 13th March 1821. These relate chiefly to sums due and payable or paid by the members, the amount charged per night being mostly eighteenpence, and occasionally half-a-crown. They are valuable chiefly on account of the names they contain, being, with one or two exceptions, where those of Visitors are entered, the names of the members of the Lodge. On page 1 are the names of the following Visitors, namely, Bros. Wilson, Johnson, Willis, and Summers, of the Percy, No. 355; Bros. Coulman, Mann, and Shepheard, of Royal Athelstane, No. 19, and Bros. L. E. Thornton, G. Stewards' Lodge; Grayson, Burlington, 152; G. Fraser, Caledonian; Stallard, Temple; Wittington, Unions, 481, and Sanderson, Saddlers' Arms, 399. After these are the minutes: "Lodge opened in due form and with solemn prayer. The minutes of the last Lodge were read and confirmed. Opened in the 2nd and 3rd degree, and a Rasing was gone through *pro forma* in ample form. All Masonic business being over, the Lo. was closed in due form and with solemn prayer." Page 2 contains only the following: "Board and Working Tools of Arch M," and "Speight, 99, Drury Lane." We shall content ourselves with adding the names of the members—presumably they are such—the majority of whom are entered at each meeting. They are Bros. Warner, Bagshaw, W. Smith, Southard, Charles Smith, Brudenell, Humphreys (latterly written as Humphries), Russell, Boothby, Lomax, Dignam, Durley, Fletcher (J.W. 13 Mar. 1821), Gilkes, and Rapden (?) with Murphy and Young, in pencil, in July 1820, and Shepheard, Hodges, and Morris in January of the same year.

The following is an "Inventory of Property belonging to the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 367," apparently in the year 1820. "The Warrant of Constitution in a Tin Box"—written against which in another hand are the words "delivered to Bro. Russell, Aug. 8th 1820"—"a Throne; two Chair Boxes for Warden's Chairs; Royal Arch Board and Making Cloth; Banner, Pole and Ball; four Wands; Furniture Chest and two Keys containing—Pedestal, Desk, Cushion, 2 Branches Lock and Key (containing 1 Square, 1 Level, 1 Plumb-rule, 3 Past Master's Jewels, 1 Treasurer's, 1 Secretary, 2 Deacons 10 Collars—1 silk), Portable Writing Desk, Lock and Key, two Columns, three Gavels, three Candlesticks, a Bible, Square and Compasses, Square, Level, Rule, and two Foot Rule, two Constitution Books, Book of Rules and Orders, two Swords, three Flannels, Green Baize and Table cover and (Royal Arch), two Crow Bars, two Pick-axes, one Shovel, thirteen Shields, six Paintings; an eight-foot carpeted Form, one Large Rummer Glass, fifteen Masonic Glasses. On this inventory are given these names—"Wm. Boothby W.M., W. C. Smith S.W. and J. Brudenell J.W."

Belonging to the period we have sketched in our former articles is a summons to the Master and Wardens to attend an especial Grand Lodge on the 14th December 1825, at Twelve o'clock at noon, to confirm the vote passed at the Quarterly Communication on the 7th instant, for a Grant of £50 out of the Fund of Benevolence for the Relief of the widow of the late Bro. Geo. Belzoni.

Undoubtedly, one of the most interesting among these loose pages is a letter without date of year, month, or day, written by Bro. Gilkes to "the W.M. of 367, Mr. Knight." The mention of the latter Brother's name, however, helps to fix the year as 1828, when Bro. Knight filled the chair of the Lodge. The letter is as follows:—

Carnaby-street, Monday, Noon.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—My leaving town for Lynn to-morrow morning will prevent me from taking a personal leave of the St. Michael's Lodge, which I much regret after the *favours and honours* I have received in it, which I shall ever gratefully remember: as you are in full possession of my reasons for the step, I have taken have the kindness to explain them to the brethren.

Yours fraternally,

(Signed) P. GILKES.

As showing the respect in which Bro. Gilkes was held by the members of the Lodge, a passage in Bro. Hindmarsh's letter of resignation of the 16th December 1834 is worth quoting. It reads thus: "May the shade of our departed Brother Peter preside over the destinies of the Lodge, and incite the Brethren to an emulation of the great Mason who died its Master." There is also another document which bears the distinguished brother's signature affixed only a few months before his death. This is a copy of a return of the members to June 1833, as furnished to Grand Lodge in respect of dues, &c., when the Lodge met at the King's Head, Old Compton-street. It is not a strong one in point of numbers, and contains only the following names:—Peter Gilkes, Joseph Knight, George Simons, Benjamin Edgar, Charles Marks, Edward Pitt—whose signature as Secretary is also attached—W. C. Smith, Samuel Norris, Edward Wynn, Richard Tozer, Thomas Sheldon, — Mott, Richard T. Jacobs, Henry Davis, Edward Owen, Samuel Harding.

There are several circulars addressed to different Masters of the Lodge, requesting support at the Anniversary Festivals of our different Institutions. One of these, on behalf of the Boys' School, mentions that the Festival of that Institution was fixed for 11th of March 1835. In another, relating to the Girls' School, then in Westminster Road, and announcing the Festival for 12th May 1836, the Board of Stewards "beg to observe that several Lodges whose usual meetings fall on or near the day of the Festival, have resolved to forego their private banquets and repair to the Hall on that day, an example which the Board suggest for the consideration of the Lodge." This Board was constituted as follows:—Bro. Rowland Mitchell, No. 6, President; Colonel W. Douglass Clicland, Prince of Wales, 324, Vice President; Bro. James Savage, S.W. Grand Master's, No. 1, Treasurer; Bro. J. R. Bulmer, P.M. Royal Naval, No. 70, Hon. Secretary; Bro. Boughey Burgess P.S.G.D., and Bros. Charles Hancock, Antiquity, No. 2, then meeting at St. James's Palace; John Grey P.M. 4; John Lee Stevens, 8; D. Watts and Joshua Gray, 11; S. Wallwyn Darke P.M. Tuscan, 14; Samuel Unwin P.M. Emulation, 21; Samuel Odell P.M. Old King's Arms, 30; J. Anthony Tielans, St. Albans, 32; H. Brayne W.M. Corner Stone, 37; W. Thodey

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Smith J.D. Peace and Harmony 72, John Walker S.W. Regularity 108, H. Phillips P.M. Moira 109, J. Mather W.M. Caledonian 156, Fred. Salmon P.M. Honour and Generosity 194, R, Crosse P.M. Union 195, L. Chandler P.M. St. Paul's 229, Lewis Crombie D. Prov. G.M. Aberdeenshire Jerusalem 233, and Charles Schotell St. Andrew's L. East 269. A third, announcing Boys' School Festival for 8th March 1837, has also a list of Stewards, including Bros. W. Staveley G. Master's Lodge 1 President, Stephen Price P.M. St. Albans 32 Vice President, G. Braithwaite No. 4 Treasurer, James Walton Hon. Secretary, J. G. Children 2, J. Mitchell 6, D. Robinson Watts P.M. 11, S. W. Darke P.M. Tuscan 14, Thomas Barker 14, Owen Richards Unity 82, R. Holland W.M. St. John's 107, J. Dubourg Regularity 108, J. Mason Burlington 113, Geo. Mallalue Lion and Lamb 227, T. G. Sambrooke Jerusalem 323, J. Mortimer Prince of Wales 324, and W. R. Kemp Prince of Wales Chapter 324. The price of the tickets is given as fifteen shillings. A fourth circular appeals for support in behalf of "The Asylum for the Aged and Decayed Freemason," and is signed Robert Field Secretary. It quotes the testimony of Grand Lodge of 6th December 1837, to the effect "That this Grand Lodge recommend the contemplated Asylum for the Aged and Decayed Freemason to the favourable consideration of the Craft." It fixes the date of the Festival for the 15th June 1842, and adds, "For your information I beg to state that the Festivals of this Charity have been always conducted upon such well-considered principles as to tax the purse of those who kindly undertake the office of Stewards as lightly as possible. The Steward's expenses, including his own and two ladies' tickets, have never exceeded Four Guineas." Opinions may and probably will differ as to the alleged lightness of those expenses; at all events, it is double the cost incurred by a Steward now-a-days, who is not called upon to pay for two ladies' tickets as well as his own. But this in passing merely. It is well, however, to note that this Asylum, though it was subsequently amalgamated with the Benevolent Institution, was separate from the latter, which was only established by Grand Lodge in the year 1842. One other circular —on behalf of the Girls' School—remains, dated 15th May 1835, and has been reserved to the last, as it deserves to be reproduced in full. It bears at top the signature "Augustus F., G.M.," and was sent to the W. Masters of Lodges by the then joint G. Secretaries—Bros. W. H. White and Edward Harper—under, as will be seen, very special circumstances. It reads as follows:—

"The Quarterly General Court of the Royal Freemasons' Female School having reported to me, as Grand Master and President of the Institution, the unfortunate and insecure state of the Schoolhouse, occasioned by the decay of the foundation, and the necessity which was thereby created for an immediate general repair of the structure, and formation of new foundation, I felt it proper to bring the subject before the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, the former of which bodies was pleased to grant a sum of £100, and the latter a sum of £52 10s towards defraying the expenses.

"The works are now nearly completed, and altho' every attention has been paid to a strict economy which could subsist with a due regard to stability, the outlay has been much greater than was anticipated, and may now be set down at £2000.

"To meet this unexpected and heavy charge the Funds of the Institution are inadequate without reducing the number of children upon the establishment—a measure which it must be the anxious wish of every Brother to avert; under these circumstances, I am induced to call the attention of the various Chapters and Lodges, and also of the individual members, to the subject, relying with confidence that they will not suffer their excellent Charity to decline from the effects of a misfortune and serious outlay, which was as unavoidable as it was unexpected."

A most admirable procedure on the part of His Royal Highness the Grand Master and President, and one which must commend itself to the regard of brethren of the present day! It should be added that the Annual Festival was held two days after the above appeal, namely, the 17th May.

Among odds and ends is a circular from the lessees, proprietors, or managers of the Star and Garter, Richmond, soliciting the patronage of the Lodge, and announcing in a postscript—"We continue to supply our superior Omnibuses for the return of Parties to Town at night." This is dated May 1841, when a visit to Richmond was a more serious undertaking than it is in these days of railways. We may mention also a printed notice to the effect that the foundation-stone of the Episcopal Chapel of the Reading Cemetery Company was to be laid, with Masonic ceremony, by permission of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Berks, on Wednesday, the 26th October 1842. Further particulars to be had of the Wor. Master of the Union Lodge, Reading. This pretty well exhausts the list of documents.

The other remains include Books of Laws, &c., &c. One of these is a copy of the Bye-laws of the Lodge, and is signed by Robert Leslie G.S. The first leaf, with Law I., is missing unfortunately. From these we learn that a candidate was "to be initiated for a sum (not less than Three Guineas)"—the word "Three" is in writing, and in substitution of "Two," struck out—"and 5 shillings" (in writing), "and cloath the Lodge," if required—which means, in brief, gloves all round to the members. This copy is undated. There is also a Copy of the Rules, Orders, and Bye-laws of the Fraternity, according to the old Constitutions, on the Title-page of which occurs the following:—"To which are added the Laws and Regulations of the Holy Royal Arch, Published by Order of the Grand Lodge, London: Printed by Brother Thomas Harper jun., Great New-street, Gough Square. 1813." One rule, as touching on a point which is often the subject of inquiry in our columns, is worth referring to—namely, Rule XIV., which lays it down that "in the Master's absence, a Past Master *may* take the chair, although it is by *right* the duty of the Senior Warden, and in his absence, the Junior Warden." The following footnote is added: "It is the *right* of the Wardens to fill the chair, even though a Past Master be present; but the Wardens generally waive this privilege, presuming that the Past Masters are better skilled in the business of the Lodge." From an Appendix we learn that, on registry of a new made Mason, London Lodges were called upon to pay the sum of sixteen shillings and sixpence each—to Grand Lodge Fund half a guinea, to Masonic School 5s, and to Grand Secretary 1s, and "one shilling a quarter for each contributing member of the Lodge." In the case of Country, Foreign, and Military Lodges the payment was only eight shillings and sixpence—namely, Grand Lodge Fund 5s, Masonic School 2s 6d, and Grand Secretary 1s, and "one guinea annually to the G. Lodge Fund of Charity." A Grand Lodge certificate cost three shillings; the transfer of a brother's name from one Lodge to another half-a-crown, including Grand Secretary's fee of one shilling; and for registering a brother from any other Grand Lodge, in connection with the Grand Lodge of Ancient Masons, three shillings and sixpence, the Grand Secretary's fee of one shilling being included. It is also laid down that only Grand Officers might wear gold lace, gold fringe, gold embroidery, or anything resembling gold, on their Masonic clothing or ornaments, the dress of Ancient Craft Master Masons being a plain leather apron, trimmed with *pale blue* silk or ribbon. It is curious to note that a resolution of Grand Lodge of 6th December 1809, cautioning brethren against various publications lately circulated, and attempted to be imposed on the Fraternity, is included. There is also a list of members as follows, the last entry bearing date 23rd May 1814:—"A. Withers, R. Saunders, J. Warner, R. Bold, G. Saunders, M. Bevan, J. Roberts, John Hughes, S. Dart, G. Bagshaw, J. Berry, D. Simmons, C. Kidd, T. Richards, S. Thergood, G. Macallar, J. Charles, J. Vaughan, T. Brookes, D. Tombs; Dec. 13th, John Allen (name in pencil), Thomas Hytch (do) rejoin'd, and Peach (do), Grand and Private Lodge dues paid to December 13th; February 14th 1814, William Smith and James Bowling (in pencil); and May 23rd, William Hopper." The Laws and Regulations for the Instruction and Government of the Holy Royal Arch Chapters, as "Revised, Amended, and Approved in General Grand Chapter at the Crown and Anchor Tavern, Strand, London, April 1, 1807," are, as we have said, appended. In these Royal Arch is described as the fourth Degree in Freemasonry; and for the benefit of admirers of uniformity we extract the following Rule XIII.:—"That a general uniformity of the practice and ceremonies of ancient Freemasonry may be preserved and handed down, unchanged to posterity. The Grand Chapter shall elect annually in October, nine skilled Royal Arch Masons, who must be Past Masters, and approved by the Grand Lodge. They shall assist the Grand Officers in visiting the Lodges." But they were not to be considered as members, or as having a voice in the internal affairs of the Lodge, except for reference on any point of the general laws of the Order, in which the members might not be able to determine, and, if necessary, to report to Grand Chapter or the R.W. Dep. G. Master.

One other little book remains to be noticed, namely, an "Abstract of Laws and Regulations for the Order of Royal Arch Masons, London: Printed for the United Grand Chapter, by W. P. Norris, Little Moorgate, A.L.—IↃↃDCCCXVII." The heading is as follows:—"The Supreme Grand and Royal Chapter. To all the Companions of that exalted and Supreme Degree of Masonry, stiled the Royal Arch, Health, Peace and Goodwill." The Preamble begins, "Whereas our Grand and Royal Chapter, being the Grand Lodge of this Supreme Degree, and having full powers," &c. Unfortunately pages 5, 6, 7, 8 are partly burned, so that the laws cannot be followed throughout.

This completes our task, and our only regret is, that we have not had before us materials that would have enabled us to furnish a complete history of the Lodge.

FAITH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 141.

THE annual dinner of Faith Lodge of Instruction was held on 14th inst., at the Restaurant, 2 Victoria Chambers. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. After an excellent dinner Bro. Cottebrune, who presided as Worshipful Master, gave the usual Masonic toasts, the Queen and the Craft, the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, and other Officers of Grand Lodge. Bro. Percival P.M. then proposed the toast of the evening, the Faith Lodge of Instruction, coupling with it the name of their most respected and worthy Preceptor, Bro. Cottebrune. He did not know any Lodge of Instruction which turned out better Officers, more qualified to fill high positions in the various Lodges than the Faith. Their success was entirely due to the energy and kind feeling of Bro. Cottebrune, who was a most able Preceptor and accomplished Mason. Bro. Cottebrune P.M. P.G.P. in response said, it was close now upon twenty-three years since he joined this Lodge of Instruction, and soon afterwards he was asked to become Preceptor. He had worked to the best of his ability, and he must say that he had always received the greatest kindness and attention from the members of the Lodge. Bro. Percival had been kind enough to say that many distinguished Masons had left the Lodge of Instruction qualified to fill the chair in the regular Lodges, but this was as much or more due to their own perseverance as to the efforts of those who were the tutors. The Faith Lodge of Instruction had for some years been very well attended. They had voted thirty guineas to the Charities in three years. He was very pleased to know that they were well supported by members of the mother Lodges, and he hoped that for many years to come his name would be associated with the Lodge of Instruction. The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of Bro. W. Carter, who had for twenty-two years been the Treasurer of his Lodge; he was a genial and good-hearted man, and was an ornament to Masonry. Bro. W. Carter, in responding, referred to the fact that he had been a member of the Faith Lodge for twenty-nine years, and that he had known the Worshipful Master, Bro. Cottebrune, upwards of twenty years. The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of the Visitors, which was responded to by Bros. Mallett P.M. and George E. Saunders. Bros. Taylor W.M. St. Luke's, and Holt W.M. Granite, responded to the toast of Craft Lodges, and after other toasts and some excellent songs, a very pleasant reunion was brought to a successful termination. The Faith Lodge of Instruction meets every Tuesday evening, at the Restaurant, Westminster Chambers, at eight o'clock.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

MONDAY, 27th DECEMBER.

360—Pontefract, Abington Street, Northampton. (INSTALLATION)

TUESDAY, 28th DECEMBER.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden

117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
289—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1010—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire

WEDNESDAY, 29th DECEMBER.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W. (INSTALLATION)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1534—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1063—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1263—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull. (Instruction.)
R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester
K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 30th DECEMBER.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
807—Caldwell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
934—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 1214—Scarborough Hall, Scarborough, Caledonian-road, Batley
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 31st DECEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1613—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster

SATURDAY, 1st JANUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
1364—Karl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

UNITED STRENGTH LODGE, No. 228.

THE last regular meeting of the season in connection with this old and respected Lodge was held on Tuesday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, for the purpose of electing the Worshipful Master, Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of other business. Lodge was opened about five o'clock, in accordance with ancient rites, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Robert Snare, and there were also present Bros. G. H. Patmore S.W., A. H. Hickman J.W., J. A. Winsland P.M. Treasurer, Edward Davies P.M. Acting Secretary, H. W. Ilford S.D., F. J. Hunt J.D., G. Bellott D.C., G. Tuinard I.G., William Steedman Tyler. Bros. R. Pearcy I.P.M., Bromley P.M., James Hillhouse P.M., Robert H. Halford P.M., Alfred Colston P.M., G. Hunter, Vilett Rolleston, P. Cox, H. Heinrich, J. Moran, E. H. Johnson, J. F. Quartly, John H. Miller, F. E. Thurland, W. J. Randall, James Evetts, Harley, Paine, H. Langley, J. Woodman, A. Woodman, H. T. Sandy, C. Halford, W. Camden, G. C. Fidge, A. C. Woolsey, &c. Visitors—Bros. J. Glad. well J.D. 1470, C. S. Phillips 1586, and A. Timothy P.M. 87. The minutes of the last Lodge having been read and confirmed, the ballot was proposed for Bro. Thomas How Bromley, late a P.M. of this Lodge, as a joining member, on the nomination of Bro. James Terry P.M., seconded by Bro. John A. Winsland P.M., the voting was unanimous, and Bro. Bromley was accepted. The ballot was re-opened for Mr. Alfred Cornelius Woolsey, proposed by Bro. H. Langley, seconded by Bro. James Terry P.M., and for Mr. George Christopher Fidge, whose sponsors were the Worshipful Master and Bro. Edward Davies P.M. Both were accepted and initiated by the W.M., who discharged the duties most satisfactorily. Bro. Francis Edward Thurland, having answered the several questions to the satisfaction of the Lodge, was entrusted; and Lodge having been advanced, he was afterwards passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M., assisted by his Officers. Lodge was then opened up, and Bros. Vilett Rolleston and John Henry Miller were raised to the sublime degree, the impressive ceremony being admirably performed and the charges recited with faultless precision by the W.M. The new Bye-laws having been read and adopted, the brethren proceeded to elect the W.M. for the ensuing year, their choice well and worthily falling on Bro. G. H. Patmore, who had so ably discharged the duties of the Senior Warden's chair during the past year. The election was unanimous, and Bro. Patmore, who was much moved by the enthusiastic applause which greeted the declaration of the W.M., said his heart was too full to allow him adequately to express his deep sense of the honour which the brethren had conferred upon him. He could assure them, however, if he had health and strength, he should endeavour to justify the selection they had made, and should exert his utmost in promoting the best interests of the Lodge. Brother John A. Winsland P.M was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Steedman P.M. Tyler. After the transaction of some other business Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a substantial repast was provided, and the customary Loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured. In proposing the health of the Wor. Master, Bro. R. Pearcy I.P.M. said this was the last time he should have the honour of proposing this toast in his present capacity in this Lodge. He need not tell them how Bro. Snare had discharged his duties during the past year, for that was well known to all the brethren. Suffice it to say, he retired from the chair with all the respect and esteem they could pay him, and they all wished him a brilliant and honourable retirement from office. His year had been most excellent, not only as regarded the working, but also as to the initiates who had been brought into the Lodge. The Wor. Master, in responding, said he had received so many kindly and flattering expressions from the brethren that he really felt at a loss for words to convey to them his gratitude. It had, indeed, been his endeavour, as far as lay in his power, to do his best for the interests of the Lodge; and if he had maintained its prestige he was more than repaid for any slight efforts he had made in that direction. He could not but be sensible of many shortcomings, and but for the kindness the brethren had ever extended to him, he felt he could not have gone through the work even with the small degree of satisfaction and the comparative little amount of credit to himself—(no)—which they had been good enough to acknowledge. But their leniency, kindness, and courtesy rather intensified the debt of obligation which he felt he was under to the brethren of the Lodge. In turn he proposed the healths of the Initiates, the toast being heartily received. Bro. Woolsey was pleased, indeed, to have had the pleasure of meeting the brethren of the United Strength Lodge. It had long been his wish to become a Mason, and he was proud to have been accepted by this Lodge. He was a stranger to most of them, and if he committed himself he hoped they would forgive him: but he was deeply obliged to them for the kind manner in which they had received his brother initiate and himself. Bro. Fidge also replied, and in the course of his observations said he had not entered this grand and mystic fraternity without a due sense of its grandeur and of his unworthiness. He esteemed it an honour to have been admitted a member of this ancient institution, and he should endeavour to follow in the footsteps of those who had become ornaments to the Craft. The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of the Visitors, whom the brethren of this Lodge were always pleased to see, and to whom they always endeavoured to extend the heartiest welcome and the right hand of fellowship. The toast having been received with an enthusiastic fire, Bro. A. Timothy P.M. 87 said he had been a Visitor at this Lodge so many times that he almost fancied he was one of themselves. He was very pleased with the excellent manner in which the ceremonies had been worked, and he congratulated the Lodge upon the efficient way in which the present W.M. had carried out the duties during his term of office. Bro. Snare

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had felt himself a little remiss, but the brethren would agree that all must be highly gratified with the excellent manner in which he had discharged the duties appertaining to his exalted position. Bro. Gladwell was very pleased to have had the felicity of being present on the occasion when Bro. Patmore was elected to the chair. That brother was highly respected and esteemed in the provinces, and it had given him unspeakable pleasure to meet Bro. Patmore under such gratifying auspices. Brethren in the country had their little Lodges, and when they had the pleasure of visiting the Metropolis and seeing a Lodge of this kind, they returned laden with information which they conveyed to the brethren, who retailed it out for a considerable time. The fraternal feeling which appeared in this Lodge, and the way in which the working had been carried out, could not be excelled. It was the first time he had had the privilege of meeting the brethren of this Lodge, and he had learned much that would not be easily eradicated from his mind. Bro. Phillips also briefly returned thanks. The health of the Past Masters was the next toast, and suitably acknowledged by the I.P.M. Bro. Pearcy. In giving the health of the W.M. elect, Bro. Snare said it was a toast which fell to the lot of a Master only once during his year of office, and the unanimity with which Bro. Patmore had been elected presaged, at any rate, the cordiality with which that toast would be received. He thought he need not add one word to the toast, but simply ask them to receive it as they had received Bro. Patmore in the Lodge earlier in the evening. Bro. G. H. Patmore, who was received with loud cheering, could not say but that he was surprised at the unanimity with which he had been elected by the Lodge as their Master for the coming year. It was with some amount of diffidence a month or two back, when he knew the time was coming on when he must choose either between accepting or declining the Mastership; but the kindness he had received from the P.M.'s, and their courteous efforts—knowing perhaps that he was a country member, and had not those facilities of obtaining that information respecting the ritual that were to be obtained in town—to afford him that information had decided him to go on, and he could only say he felt deeply grateful to many P.M.'s for their most welcome counsel and assistance. He took this opportunity of thanking them personally for having given him their kind assurance that they would do all they possibly could to fit him for the office to which he had been elected. He was not so fluent in language as many who had gone before him, but he had been in the Lodge nine years, and had only missed attending on one occasion, and that was caused by domestic affliction in his own family. Nothing on his part should be spared to carry out the working of this grand old Lodge in befitting manner. He loved the old United Strength, and always should do, and he would endeavour to do his best to support its dignity and not disgrace it. Several other toasts were honoured, and some excellent singing tended to brighten the very harmonious and enjoyable proceedings.

SINCERITY LODGE, No. 174.

THE final meeting for the year of the members of this Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 15th instant, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. C. H. Webb. There were also present Bros. G. Jones S.W., F. Brown J.W., J. S. Fraser S.D., A. H. Brown J.D., T. F. Harvey I.G., W. Fraser D.C., J. Miller W.S., S. Rawley P.M. Treas., J. Newton P.M. Sec., P.M.'s C. Lacey, J. Bulmer, J. G. Hilliard, E. Moore; G. T. H. Seddon I.P.M. Visitors—Bros. Geo. Bashford, J. How, G. Brooks P.M., T. S. Watts P.M., R. Hopkins, W. J. Mason, J. T. Robey, J. C. Frank. Lodge having been opened, the ballot was clear for three gentlemen, viz., Mr. W. Henderson, Mr. T. Huntley, and Mr. J. G. Goll, who, being present, were initiated into the mysteries of the Order by the W.M. Bro. Jay was raised to the third degree. The election of W.M. resulted in a unanimous vote for Bro. G. Jones S.W., that of Treasurer unanimously in favour of Bro. Rawley P.M., and of Tyler in favour of Bro. Very. Two brethren of the Lodge were voted the sum of ten guineas each. The usual Christmas gifts were voted, including one guinea towards the entertainment to the "Old Folks" at Croydon, and one guinea to the Tyler. The Auditors were appointed. A P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the outgoing W.M., Bro. C. H. Webb. Business over, the members sat down at the social board, the dinner being well served in every respect. Afterwards the usual Loyal and complimentary toasts were given, and a very happy evening was passed. In the course of the evening, the W.M. alluded to the fact that this was the last time he should have the honour to preside over them as W.M.; he thanked the brethren, particularly the Officers, for their kindness to him throughout his very happy year of office, concluding by wishing all the members, absent and present, a "Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year." The Visitors bore truthful testimony as to the working in Lodge, and hoped they might have the pleasure of visiting the Sincerity at some future day.

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 230.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 16th inst., at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby-street, Devonport. After the election of a member, the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Richard Ellis, was installed by the retiring Master, Bro. J. R. H. Harris, assisted by Bro. R. Cawsey, in a Board of Installed Masters consisting of Bros. John Lynn P.M. P.P.G.S.B., J. B. Gover P.M. 70 P.P.G.A.D.C., E. March P.M. 202 P.P.G.O., R. Cawsey P.M., D. B. Lynn P.M., J. Rogers P.M. P.P.G. Tyler, R. Pengelly P.M. 70, R. Pike P.M., Thomas Searle P.M. 1091, J. Cassell I.P.M. 1136, Hugh Cameron W.M. 1205, C. Watson P.M. 954. After the ceremony the following Officers were appointed:—Bros. J. R. H. Harris I.P.M., R. Pitcher S.W., J. Whitford J.W., J. Lynn Tr., R. Cawsey Sec., T. Border S.D., W. M. Ridland J.D., R. George Chaplain, E. Littleton I.G., W. Rattenbury D.C., R. Pike Org., T. Boyling and Towan Stewards, and T. Stephens Tyler. The Treasurer's accounts were satisfactory, and it was resolved that the annual banquet take place on 12th of January, at the Royal Hotel, Devonport. Ladies will be invited to attend, as on previous occasions.

NORTH YORK LODGE, No. 602, MIDDLESBROUGH.

THURSDAY, 16th inst., the brethren met in the Lodge-room for the purpose of installing Bro. S. A. Sadler W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a very large attendance, and amongst the visitors present were Bro. George Marwood Right Worshipful P.D.P.G.M. of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, who had kindly undertaken to perform the ceremony, and the following brethren:—T. C. Davison P.M. Marwood Lodge, R. W. Holland P.M. York, R. W. Bolsover P.M. Tees, J. Hunton P.M. Philanthropy, W. Bulmer P.M. Zetland, A. C. Knowles P.M. Tees, John Settle P.M. Tees, W. Nelson W.M. Marwood, J. H. Hart Sec. Stockton, A. Dyson P.M. Marwood, J. M. Meek P.M. Marquis of Ripon, F. E. Streeton Ferrum, J. N. Malcolmson Ferrum, J. T. Belk Ferrum, A. Tanner P.M. Perseverance, H. Tompson P.M., W. Petchell P.M., J. A. Manners P.M., W. H. Cowper P.M., R. Davison P.M., C. Willman P.M., M. G. Collingwood P.M.—all of North York Lodge. The Installing Officer having performed the ceremony in a most efficient manner, the newly-elected W.M., Bro. Sadler appointed the following Officers for the year:—I. Fidler I.P.M., W. Gill S.W., W. R. Gibbs J.W., M. G. Collingwood Treasurer, S. Walker Secretary, A. Hallam S.D., A. C. Wilson J.D., H. Sherwood I.G., W. J. Watson D.C., J. F. Stewart Organist, J. Rushford and R. Wilkinson Stewards, James Ingram O.G. In the evening the brethren sat down to a splendid banquet at the Queen Hotel.

ST. OSWALD'S LODGE, No. 910, PONTEFRACT.

ON Wednesday evening, the 15th inst., the brethren of the above Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John. There was a large master of members and Visitors, the latter including Provincial Officers of high rank, as well as the W. D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, who is a member of the Lodge. For the first time in the history of the Lodge the ceremony of installation was attended by over two dozen P.M.'s, and the number generally present was so great that the Officers experienced considerable difficulty at times in carrying through the details of the installation. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. I.P.M. Mathers took the chair, and opened the Lodge. He retired to make way for Bro. P.M. Slack, P.G.D.C. of the Province, the Installing Master. This is not the first time by several that Bro. P.M. Slack has installed the Master of St. Oswald's, and on taking the chair he was warmly greeted. The W. Bro. Tew, J.P, D.P.G.M. was introduced, and greeted with the customary honours. At this time there were present in the Lodge—Bros. H. Smith P.G. Secretary, Mason P.G. Treasurer, Simpson P.P.G.S. Works (Charity Steward), MacKay (Castleford) P.P.G. Sword Bearer, Mathers I.P.M., Slack P.G.D.C., Smithers P.G. Steward, Ward (Goole) P.P.G.P., Hall P.P.G. Steward, W. S. Wood P.P.G. Registrar, J. Gill P.P.G.D.C., W. B. Alderson P.P.G.D., Rowlands a P.P. Officer of S. Wales; P.M.'s Clark, Lord, Phillips, Holmes, Kassel (Castleford), Harling (Castleford), Cliff (Castleford), Hartley (Wakefield), W.M.'s Hardley (Castleford), Gardiner (Goole). Wor. Bro. Tew, in acknowledgment of the salutation accorded him, spoke at some length. The condition of the 66 Lodges of West Yorkshire, in which there were now some 3300 Masons, showed the progress the Order was making. It had been his privilege, in discharging the duties of his high office—an office he should consent to fill only so long as he had their cordial and fraternal support—to visit many Lodges of late in that Province, and he could but inadequately express his sense of the manner in which they were being worked, and of the cordial spirit that existed amongst the brethren. He had the authority of their Prov. Grand Master Bro. Sir Hy. Edwards, to say that he trusted the Secretaries and Treasurers of every Lodge in the Province would so carry out their duties as to diminish very much, if not extinguish, the list of defaulters. That list of late had seriously increased; an increase due he believed in no small measure to the wave of bad trade which was passing over the Province. He congratulated St. Oswald's on the very distinguished company that had assembled. The Festival on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in London in February next was to be presided over by Bro. Sir Hy. Edwards. He knew the Province would support their Prov. Grand Master well and heartily; but still he mentioned the matter so that Past Masters and members of Lodges that had not lately sent a Steward might take this opportunity of doing so. He held in his hand the balance sheet of the Bentley Shaw Fund, from which he learnt that they had, after raising £1,080, still rather more than £20 in hand. It was Sir Hy. Edwards's and his own intention to place on the agenda paper of the Prov. Grand Lodge, to be held on the 12th January, a motion for placing this sum at the command of Bro. Henry Smith Prov. Grand Secretary, with the view of (when some of his friends had suitably augmented it) his becoming, what he knew he had long wished to become—a Vice-Patron of all their Charities. Thus, while they acknowledged in so slight a manner the valuable services of a brother so widely esteemed and revered, they enabled him to gratify his Masonic wishes by using the gift for the benefit of the Province. In conclusion, W. Bro. Tew congratulated Bro. Quartermain on his approaching installation to the chair. The ceremony proceeded, and was conducted by the Installing Master in the very able and thoroughly Masonic manner which is a mark of all the work done in St. Oswald's Lodge. The following were the Officers invested:—Bros. Rev. J. Needham S.W., Scriven J.W., G. H. Locking Treasurer, I. Kaberay Secretary, W. H. Wilks S.D., R. Moxon jun. J.D., C. Longstaff I.G., Hall P.M. D.C., J. Simpson Org., Blake Tyler, Pearson and Fisher Stewards. Subsequently, on the motion of Bro. Lord, seconded by Bro. Harling, and supported amongst others by Worshipful Bro. Tew, Bro. Simpson was again

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chosen Charity Steward. The other business was of an ordinary character, and the Lodge was duly closed in peace and harmony by the new W.M. At a later hour the brethren sat down to a banquet at the Red Lion Hotel, the W.M. Bro. Quarterman in the chair, he being supported by Worshipful Bros. Tew, J.P., D.P.G.M., S. Woolf, M.P., Slack P.M. Installing Master, &c. The health of the Queen and of the Grand Master of England, with the Grand Officers, were very warmly received, the latter being greeted with the honours of the Order. To the next toast, that of the Right Worshipful P.G.M. of West Yorkshire Bro. Sir H. Edwards, the Wor. D.P.G.M. Bro. T. W. Tew, and the Prov. Grand Officers, Worshipful Bro. Tew responded, congratulating the new W.M. on having attained to the honour of the chair after fourteen years careful attention to Masonic duties. Passing on to refer to the fact that many benevolent works outside Masonry in many cases owed their origin to, and were managed by brethren of the Order, he alluded to the recent opening of the Dispensary at Pontefract, a work which was designed by Masons, and built throughout by Masons. This showed that they were not merely Speculative, but were actually Operative Masons. The speech of the Deputy, which proceeded to refer to the principles of Masonry, and the results it had already shown, was listened to with evident appreciation by the brethren present. To the toast of the Archbishop and Clergy, Bro. the Rev. J. Needham replied, and to that of the Borough Members, Bro. S. Woolf, M.P., responded, on behalf of himself and Bro. the Right Hon. H. C. E. Childers, M.P. The W.M. then gave the Installing Master, and Bro. Slack P.M. replied in an able speech. To the toast of the Past Masters of St. Oswald's Lodge and the retiring Officers, which was given from the chair, Past Master Bro. Clark responded in felicitous terms, claiming for the Officers of the past year an intention to discharge their Masonic duties to the best of their ability. The Visiting Brethren was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Rowlands P.P.G. Registrar South Wales, the W.M. remarking, in proposing it, that he was proud to see such an array of Provincial Officers and other brethren at their installation. The Dep. P.G.M. Bro. Tew gave the W.M. and the newly appointed Officers, paying a high tribute to the Masonic character of Bro. Quarterman, who had assisted him very much in the discharge of his duties as Deputy, and who would be still better able to help him now the Lodge had conferred on him the degree of P.M. The toasts of the Masonic Charities, replied to by Bro. Simpson, and the Ladies, given by Bro. Moxon and responded to by Bro. M. Pearrow, ended the toast list. The proceedings were rendered additionally pleasant through the good offices of a Masonic glee party from Batley, as well as by songs from Bros. Cliffe, Wilson, and others.

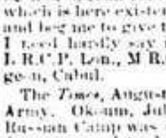
FALCON LODGE, No. 1416.

THE installation meeting took place in the Masonic Hall, Thirsk, on Thursday, 9th December, when Bro. W. Coltman W.M. occupied the chair, and many distinguished visiting brethren were present, including Bros. G. Marwood, J.P., of Busby Hall P.D.P.G.M. P.M. 543, R. W. Hollon P.G.S.B. England Prov. G. Treasurer, J. S. Cumberland Prov. G.J.W., C. Palliser Prov. G.S. of Works W.M. 1337, W. Paley P.S.G.W. West Yorks, M. Knowles P.P.G.J.D. Durham, J. Hunton P.P.G.J.D. Durham, J. Richardson P.P.G. Pursuivant West Yorks P.M. 1001, F. Smith W.M. 837, P. Donaldson P.M. 837, T. R. Mountain P.M. 837, H. C. Pickersgill J.W. 837, C. Waistell P.M. 1337, R. Pallister S.W. 1337, R. Southeran J.W. 1337, F. Long 1496, Whitmore York 1611, &c., supported by Bros. Rev. C. E. Camidge P.M. P.P.G.C. West and N. and E. Yorks, Rev. W. C. Lukis P.M. P.P.G.C. West Yorks, G. Ayre P.M. P.P.G.J.D., T. J. Wilkinson P.M., W. Hall, C. G. Kipling, H. Masterman, G. B. Hall, J. Walton, H. Smith, J. Johnson, R. Atkinson, Z. Wright, H. Longford, L. J. Thompson, &c. Telegrams regretting inability to be present were received from Bros. T. B. Whytehead 1611 236 1338 P.M. P.P.G.D.C., and W. H. Gainforth W.M. 236. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. Hall S.W. and W.M. elect was presented for installation. A Board of Installed Masters having been formed, the ceremony was most impressively performed by W. Bro. George Marwood. On the readmission of the brethren, the Worshipful Master was congratulated, and saluted in ancient form. He then proceeded to invest the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year, addressing to each a few appropriate words:—Bros. W. Coltman I.P.M., C. Greensides S.W., H. Smith J.W., T. J. Wilkinson P.M. Treasurer, J. Walton Secretary, Rev. C. E. Camidge, M.A., Chaplain, Rev. W. C. Lukis, M.A., F.S.A. Preceptor, J. Johnson S.D., Z. Wright J.D., C. G. L. Kipling Supt. of Works, H. Longford D.C., E. Richardson Organist, R. Long I.G., J. Johnson and L. J. Thompson Stewards, G. Ayre P.M. Almoner, J. S. Farmery Tyler. The Lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to W. Bro. Hall's, where a *recherché* banquet was spread, the elegance and completeness of the arrangements, as well as *cuisine* of the viands and excellence of the wines even more than sustaining the ancient reputation of the Fleece Hotel. At the conclusion of the repast the W.M. gave the loyal toasts, which were received with musical honours. W. Bro. R. W. Hollon responded on behalf of Grand Lodge, and W. Bro. C. E. Camidge, M.A., for Provincial Grand Lodge, our reverend brother having served the Office of Chaplain for both the Yorkshire Provinces. W. Bro. Marwood then proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, expressing the great personal pleasure it had afforded him to place in the chair of K.S. one whom he had known for many years, and respected; who was a founder of the Lodge, and with whose family he had been acquainted for three generations. He anticipated for him a happy and prosperous year of office. Bro. Hall W.M. suitably responded, and in proposing the health of W. Bro. Marwood, referred to the many kind services he had rendered to the Lodge from its formation, and expressed the high and affectionate esteem in which he was held by the brethren—a remark which drew forth a most enthusiastic response, and which he in very feeling terms acknowledged. Bro. G. B. Hall, of Oswaldkirk, then in his most effective style opportunely sang "The Fine Old English Gentleman," the company testifying to the appropriateness of the words by the hearty spontaneity with which they weighted and swelled the chorus. Bro. Knowles, J.P., of Stockton-on-Tees, in proposing the toast of the I.P.M., remarked that there is no body of men so loyal to their chiefs as are the members of the Craft, nor whose mutual intercourse tends more to the maintenance of the principles of law and order. Such gatherings as these are not only enjoyable, but beneficial, especially when they bring brethren for a season away from the fierce democratic spirit of our large manufacturing towns to the quiet and soothing influences of a more retired and contemplative existence, from which they return better fitted for the battle of life and its many conflicting cares. Bro. Coltman, in response, congratulated the W.M. on his excellent selection of Officers, and promised him his best support during his term of office. Bro. Donaldson, of Ripon, in proposing the Officers of the Falcon Lodge, said it had been a peculiar pleasure to him to-day to meet Bro. Marwood, whose name had been a "household word" with him from his boyhood, and whose character commanded an individual admiration and reverence. He had also a strong personal attachment to the Falcon Lodge; it was one of the first Lodges he visited, and his fraternisation with the brethren always proved a source of enjoyment. The Rev. W. C. Lukis, M.A., F.S.A., in replying, spoke of the *esprit de corps* which animated the brethren who had been selected for official duties, and humorously referred to some of the distinguishing qualities of "Falcons" as encouraging the assurance that the interests of the Craft were safe with them. The Rev. C. E. Camidge, M.A., the Vicar, in well-chosen terms proposed "The Visitors," and after referring to the many advantages of Masonry, noticed specially its hospitality and its tendency to promote friendly feeling, smoothing away differences, and affording opportunity for better acquaintance with each other over the social board. Dr. Paley, of Ripon, responding, expressed the interest he felt in the welfare of the Falcon Lodge, congratulated Bro. Hall on his election to the chair, and recognised him as "the right man in the right place." Bro. C. Waistell, of Northampton, added a few words to the same effect, and then the toast-list was brought to a close. The case of "Poor and Distressed Masons" was remembered by a liberal contribution to the Almoner's fund, and one of the pleasantest and most successful meetings of the Lodge happily terminated.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At Bro. Smyth's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 18th inst. Present—Bros. G. Ferrar W.M., Gilham S.W., Storr J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, Fenner Sec., A. Ferrar S.D., Tuck J.D., Cattlin I.G.; also Bros. S. E. Moss, D. Moss, C. Lorkin, F. W. Jones, W. Williams, Birch, Brasted, Weeden, Fysh, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. W. Williams proved himself an efficient F.C., was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. D. Moss worked the second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed to the first degree. Lodge was called off and on. Bro. Gilham was elected to preside at the next meeting, which was unanimously fixed for 8th January 1881. A vote of thanks was accorded the W.M. The sum of £1 1s was voted for the inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon for Christmas cheer, after which Lodge was closed.

Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 121, Penzance.—At the last meeting of this Lodge Mr. Peter Davies was duly initiated as a member, and Bros. Wellington Dale and Sennett were advanced to the second degree. Bro. James Lovell S.W. was elected W.M., and Bro. C. Read Treasurer, for the ensuing year. The celebration of the Festival of St. John was fixed for Wednesday, 29th December.

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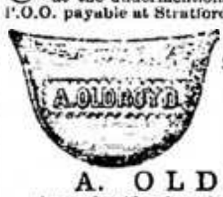
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THE WARWICKSHIRE MASONIC BENEVOLENT AND PUPILS' AID FUND.

A fortnight since, we published certain resolutions passed at the meeting held at the Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, on the 1st November last, of the Association of Charity Stewards for the Province of Warwickshire. These resolutions, as was pointed out in the circular we then reproduced, have in view to consolidate the already existing Benevolent and Annuity Fund, and a new Fund, which was being raised at the time, into one common Fund, to be called the "Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent and Pupils' Aid Fund," and also to amalgamate the two Committees, respectively known as the "Association of Charity Stewards," and the "Benevolent and Annuities Fund Committee," so as to form one general representative Committee, charged with the important duty of superintending and promoting Masonic Benevolence, not only in connection with our central Charitable Institutions, but also in order to investigate all such claims and applications for relief as may be referred to it from time to time by the several Lodges in the Provinces. The Association, in unanimously accepting these resolutions, have also been at the pains of pointing out that the proposed Fund is not intended to in any way interfere with the three Central Charities—our two Schools, and the Benevolent; nor will the establishment of the new Fund have the effect of bringing about any relaxation in the efforts of the brethren of the Province to promote the welfare of these Charities. It will be purely supplementary to them, and will take charge only of those matters and administer only that quantum of help to those who are above or beyond their scope. Thus the old Warwickshire Benevolent and Annuity Fund has helped the Royal Masonic Benevolent Fund Institution by granting, weekly, small sums of money to aged and distressed Warwickshire brethren or their widows, or by affording them temporary relief; while, in other cases, they have extended help to a brother because he had not reached the minimum age prescribed by the law of the R.M.B.I. for admission to its benefits, or until he should be successful in receiving for himself a portion of those benefits. The new Benevolent and Pupils' Assistance Fund will continue the same admirable work as regards aged and decayed brethren and their widows, and it will also assist the children of deceased or distressed brethren by, wholly or partially, providing for their clothing, education, and maintenance until such time as they may be elected into one or other of the Schools, or in the event of their ultimately proving unsuccessful. It is also intended to contribute towards the advancement of those Warwickshire children who, on leaving School, are in need of a helping hand. Thus the purpose of the new fund is of a threefold character—(1) to provide, wholly or partially, for the education, &c., of the children of Warwickshire; (2) to advance the interests of Warwickshire children on leaving our Schools; (3) to grant annuities to aged brethren or their widows. The establishment of such a fund, or rather the consolidation into one of the old Warwickshire Benevolent Fund and the new one in course of constitution at the time these resolutions were passed cannot but be eminently beneficial, not only as regards Warwickshire itself, but in connection with the whole English Craft. The Province is a large one, and Birmingham, one of our most important industrial centres, is almost level in respect of the number of its Lodges with Manchester. It has an energetic chief in the person of Lord Leigh, who has held the position of Prov. Grand Master for over eight and twenty years, and is deservedly one of our most respected, as he unquestionably is, one of our most distinguished Masons. Our brethren of the Province, too, know full well how to support him when the occasion offers itself. We anticipate, therefore, that the Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent and Pupils' Assistance Fund will prove a great success. There is no doubt it will be well administered—inexpensively, that is to say, judiciously as regards those it assists, generously so far as it may be done with a due consideration for justice, and promptly in the case of all applicants, old and young; and we congratulate the Province on the course they have adopted.

It will be generally allowed that the consolidation into one of the two local Benevolent Associations, one in existence and the other only in embryo, is a most prudent arrangement. The fewer the applications to be made to brethren to support this or that Institution, the greater the chance they stand of being entertained. Thus, in the case of our Central Charities, there are many Lodges and brethren who support the Boys' School one year, the Girls' School the next, and the Benevolent the year following. We are sure they would very much like to assist all three in the course of the same year, and year after year. They might distribute their donations among all three Institutions, in which case the amount received by each would be small, but by taking up each in turn they render it an appreciable service. So two Associations in Warwickshire could only have looked to receiving each one-half of the support yearly that will now be given to the Consolidated One. The chances are, indeed, that the help it will succeed in obtaining will be far greater than what would have been rendered the two had they remained separate. A brother who is asked only once in the year to support the local Charity, is far more likely to give a handsome sum than if he is invited to support two such Charities. The plan will appear to be still more worthy of approbation if we take into account that the three Central Charities will be pressing their claims for support, the while the local Institution is seeking assistance. Thus, there will be four instead of five appeals yearly throughout the Province, and judging from past experience, the four will be more productive in the long run than the five would have been.

We see that the meeting, at which these arrangements were adopted, endorsed the resolution passed at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Province, held on the 17th January 1880. This resolution was to the effect that while the brethren of the Province fully approved of the principles of the scheme advocated by Lord Rosslyn for the establishment of a central Pupils' Assistance Fund, they were far from desirous of seeing a fourth Charity established in England for such a purpose, as they considered the machinery for carrying on such a Charity was unnecessary, and would be exceedingly expensive. They also feared that Lord Rosslyn's scheme, if carried out, would have the effect of reducing the amount now subscribed to the existing Institutions. They therefore pledged themselves to continue their support to those Institutions on condition that the Managing Committees of the Masonic Schools undertook to assist, by providing scholarships or otherwise, those pupils who, on leaving our Schools, were found to require and also to deserve such assistance. We have already over and over again expressed a contrary belief, and we are still of the opinion that the Royal

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Masonic Pupils' Assistance, when in working trim, will fulfil the objects for which it was started, without in the slightest degree interfering with the other Charities. Indeed, its object has been stated to be, that it should always remain in a subsidiary position as regards the Schools. However, though our Warwickshire brethren will have nothing to say to a general Pupils' Assistance Fund, they have started a similar fund of their own in conjunction with their Benevolent Fund, and all we need say by way of concluding these remarks is, as we have once already said, that we hope and believe this scheme will be a successful one.

THE MOTHER CITY OF AMERICAN FREEMASONRY.—IV.

By Bro. R. F. Gould.

BY way of *Appendix* to the friendly disputation which, under the above heading, has been conducted in the Freemason's Chronicle, the "Title-Pages" of the two "Pocket Companions" (so frequently referred to), may be usefully presented.

It will be seen that the motto—"*Deus Nobis Sol et Scutum*"—and the names of printer [E. Rider] and compiler [W. Smith] are the same in both publications.

From the *London* list of Lodges being published in 1734, and the *Dublin* list in 1735, it is evident that the latter—except as to the No. 79—was copied from the former.

[Title Page of *London* Pocket Companion, 1735.]

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"Signed by
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W. Smith."

What may be termed the *first* part of the book, terminates at p 45, and though the pagination continues, a new Title-page heads what may be described as the *second* part.

[Title Page of Second Part.]

A
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SONGS OF MASONS,
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At p 95 is given:—

"An Exact
List
OF
REGULAR LODGES
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In this list the No. 79 is vacant.

[Title Page of the *Dublin* Pocket Companion, 1735.*]

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In the list of Lodges shown in this work, the 79th place on the *English* roll is no longer *vacant*, but is filled by an American Lodge, which is thus described: "The Hoop in Water Street, in Philadelphia, 1st Monday."

I may add, in conclusion, that whilst my hypothesis, as to the Boston Lodge, afterwards No. 126, being mis-described as the Lodge at the "Hoop," &c., is strengthened by the fact of the *earlier* "Pocket Companion" having the No. 79 vacant, it is weakened by the dissimilarity of the days of meeting assigned to the Lodges at No. 79 and 126 respectively.

No. 126 met on the second and fourth *Wednesday*, and *not* on the first *Monday*.

* From an article by Bro. W. J. Hughan, originally published in the "Voice of Masonry," Chicago, September 1875, and reprinted in "Early History of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, 1877," pp xiv-xxiii.

HOW LONG WILL MASONS CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IN IMAGINARY HISTORY?

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

A *HALF-cracked dreamer*, who was initiated into Masonry, wrote in 1724 a book called "Long Livers," in which he claimed that Masonry was understood by him better than any one else. Thereupon, the editor of the *Freemason* took it for granted that High Grades were in existence in 1724. A humbug imposed upon the *High Graders* in Golden-square a so-called Henry IV. of France Rose Croix apron, and the same authority tells us that the History of Freemasonry will have to be re-written. A splurge was recently made by a set of dreamers about Egyptian Masonry, and the same writer again insists that the History of Masonry will have to be re-written.

In a like manner the Philadelphia "Mother of American Masonry" was embalmed by the same writer in Bro. Kenning's Cyclopœdia. I supposed that my demonstration about Lodge No. 79 having been an English Lodge would have settled the Philadelphia pretension; but a correspondent of mine insists that I must account for the reason as to why the Dublin editor of the "Pocket Companion" in 1735 made No. 79 a Philadelphia Lodge. Now, with all deference to that Brother, does he really think that we are bound to account for all the whys and wherefores of Masonic writers who have propagated some thousands of falsehoods in their writings?

Thus, several old English Lodge Lists state that a certain Lodge was constituted in the days of Julius Cæsar. In 1875 the late Bro. Tisdal asserted that he saw the Warrant of Albion Lodge at Quebec, and that it was dated 1721. In C. W. Moore's Magazine, Boston, U.S. of 1844 (pp 163-4) I found the following assertion:—

"The first [authority] for this country was received about the year 1720. It was a Dispensation authorising the opening of a Lodge in this City.

"We have the fact from a clergyman (the late Rev. Mr. Montague, of Dedham), who found it stated in an old account in the archives of King's Chapel. The Lodge was regularly organized, but was soon after discontinued."

But although Moore gave it upon the authority of a Rev. Mr. Montague, yet there is not a word of truth in the above statement. Anderson's History of Freemasonry, "Multa Paucis," Hutchinson's, Preston's, and Oliver's Works, as well as our Masonic Magazines in general, abound in similar mis-statements. All that is necessary to do in such cases, is simply to expose their absurdities, and no one is required to account as to why or wherefore the said falsehoods were manufactured, and I really can see no reason why I should be called upon to account for a blunder of the Dublin editor of 1735.

Bro. Philadelphos, in the issue of this paper of 30th Oct., says:

"But I have always looked upon the Coxe Deputation, and the extracts from the *Philadelphia Journal* . . . . as having a very direct bearing upon the subject, and till the reality of their existence has been very seriously disturbed, I shall always be of opinion that Freemasonry undoubtedly established itself in Philadelphia before it did in any other city of the present United States; I will go further and say, that even if the Coxe Deputation was never granted—and I know no Craftsman who is more competent to throw light on this than Bro. Gould—I should still hold to the belief that the evidence of a contemporary journal as to there having been meetings of the Craft in the City of Brotherly Love, cannot be overset."

Now, I have never doubted that Coxe received a deputation in 1730, constituting him P.G.M. of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. I believe, also, that in 1730 Franklin, in his paper, stated that several Lodges existed in Pennsylvania; and in 1732 he gave an account of the meeting of a Grand Lodge in Philadelphia. But I maintain that no evidence is in existence showing a connection between Daniel Coxe and Pennsylvania Freemasonry. Coxe joined a London Lodge in 1731, and no one could find his return to America before 1734, that is, two years after he ceased to be G.M. Now, had Coxe founded Masonry in Pennsylvania, and, residing as he did within twenty miles of Philadelphia, he would surely have visited the Philadelphia Grand Lodge, *at least once*, on a 24th of June, to participate with his Masonic children in the Festival of St. John's Day; and had he so visited them, his name would have appeared among the distinguished dignitaries in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*. Coxe died in 1739; had his Grand Mastership been known to Benjamin Franklin, Franklin would have noticed him in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*. Yet there is not only no evidence in the *Pennsylvania Gazette* that Franklin knew of Coxe's Deputation, but there is no evidence in all Franklin's writings of his knowledge of the very existence of Daniel Coxe; and, furthermore, there is no

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evidence that Coxe troubled himself with Masonry at all, even in New Jersey, where he resided; thus, a New Jersey Committee, in 1870, reported as follows:—

"Diligent research in the archives of the G. L. of England, and thorough inquiry for letters and papers bearing upon the subject among the descendants of Bro. Coxe, have failed to disclose any testimony whatever of the exercise by him, or any one acting under his authority, of the prerogatives contained in the Deputation. Upon this subject Bro. Clarke, G.S. of England, in a letter to our Historical Committee, says:—

"'I cannot find any application from Bro. Coxe and others for appointment for P.G.M. Bro. Coxe did not make any report of the appointment of a Deputy Grand Master or Wardens; neither did he report the congregating of Masons into Lodges. He did not transmit any account of having constituted Lodges, and does not indeed appear to have established any.'"

Bro. Clarke indeed admits that in those days P.G.M.'s. did not hurry themselves to report their doings to the G. L. of England, &c. Now, all that is doubtless true; but yet the Boston Lodge appeared in 1734 Lodge List, and a Georgia Lodge was mentioned in the 1735 List, or at least as having been constituted in 1735. A South Carolina Lodge appeared on the English Lodge List a year or two later; so did a Virginia Lodge; and as Bro. "PHILADELPHOS" agrees with me in discarding the authority of the Dublin editor of 1735 about No. 79 being a Philadelphia Lodge, I ask him, if a chartered Lodge existed in Philadelphia in 1730 or later, why it did not find its way into an English Lodge List the same as the other American Lodges above referred to?

"Behaviour to a Strange Brother" is thus enjoined in Anderson's Constitution:—

"You are cautiously to examine him in such method as prudence shall direct you, that you may not be imposed upon by an ignorant false pretender, whom you are to reject with contempt and derision, and beware of giving him any hints of knowledge." Again:—

"If any set or number of Masons shall take upon themselves to form a Lodge without the Grand Master's Warrant, the regular Lodges are not to countenance them. . . . but must treat them as rebels."

It has always been my firm belief that somebody must have stolen something, before stealing was prohibited by law, and the same is the case with all other laws. When therefore I find Anderson cautioning the brethren in 1723 against false pretenders and illegal Lodges, I can reasonably assume that Masonic pretenders, and unchartered Lodges existed as early as 1723, or even before. We find that P.G.M. Sayers got into disgrace for visiting an illegal Lodge in London. In 1734, Benjamin Franklin wrote to Henry Price that a Lodge at Philadelphia made Masons for a bowl of punch. And as Franklin was conscious that his own Lodge had no more right to make Masons than the Lodge above alluded to, he therefore wrote to Price:—

"We think it our duty to lay before your Lodge what we apprehend needful to be done for us, in order to promote and strengthen the interest of Masonry in this Province (which seems to want the sanction of some authority, derived from home, to give the proceedings and determinations of our Lodge their due weight), to wit, a Deputation or Charter by the Right W. Mr. Price by virtue of his commission from Britain," &c.

A similar self-constituted Lodge, that is, making Masons without having a Warrant, existed in Boston between 1752 and 1756, and in Nova Scotia between 1751 and 1757; so there is no doubt of the fact that Masons could act against the laws in the Constitution, and who knows whether the Lodges in Pennsylvania were not organised by "false pretenders?" I firmly believe that the Boston Lodge of 1752 was organized by *sham Masons*. Such was indeed the opinion of the then Boston Masons, and the G.L. of Scotland, who granted that Lodge a Warrant in 1756, never denied the illegitimacy of the founders of the said Boston Lodge; but, on the contrary, it admitted it, but claimed the right to legitimatize them—all which I do not deny. But yet, we see that *sham* Masons did organise a Lodge, and why may not the G.L. and Lodges in 1732 in Philadelphia have also been organised by sham Masons?

Besides which, I beg to remind my opponents that Coxe's deputation differed from all other deputations in some respects. First, it limited his term of office to two years, from 24th June 1730; and, second, after the expiration of the two years ,the said deputation authorised the brethren, "Who do now reside, or who may hereafter reside, in all or any of the said Provinces shall, and they are hereby empowered, every other year, on the Feast of St. John the Baptist, to *elect a Provincial Grand Master*, who shall have the power of nominating his D.G. and Grand Wardens. And we do hereby empower our said Provincial Grand Master, *and the Grand Master*, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Wardens for the time being, for us and in our place and stead, to *constitute the brethren* (Free and Accepted Masons) now residing, or who shall hereafter reside, in those parts, *into one or more* regular Lodge or Lodges as he shall think fit, and as often as occasion shall require."

Thus, Coxe's Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges, *had he established any*, would (by virtue of his peculiar deputation) have become independent of the Grand Lodge of England and of all future English Grand Masters. Even the stipulation (inserted in every Deputation I have seen) requiring the Provincial G.M. to send annually an account to the G.M. or D.G.M. of England, of the number of the Lodge he constituted, &c., was omitted from Coxe's deputation. Now, had a Lodge or Lodges been planted in Pennsylvania by Coxe he would doubtless have furnished it or them with a charter or charters. And had the Grand Lodge, established by Allen, Franklin and Co., in 1732, been a continuation of Coxe's G.L. or if it had derived its authority from Coxe's Deputation, Franklin would have possessed *at least a copy* of the said deputation. And if his Lodge had been chartered by Coxe, and the Pennsylvania G.L. of 1732 had originated from Coxe's deputation, Franklin would never have written to Price (28th Nov. 1734), "We think it our duty to lay before your Lodge what we apprehend seems needful to be done for us . . . . *which seems to want the sanction of some authority derived from home* . . . . to wit, a *Deputation or Charter*," &c. The phrase, "seems to want the sanction of *some authority*," proves conclusively *that he had no authority whatever from Daniel Coxe* or *from any other source*.

Bros. Gould and Hughan made some remarks upon the question at issue, which I shall comment upon in a future No. But as Bro. Hughan has raised a *conundrum* about "No. 79, 1730" (which, according to the Old Style, may have really been any time before the 25th of March, 1731), Bro. Gould will favour me greatly by printing from the MS. record in the G.L. archives, the page containing the names of members of No. 79, including the year when the Lodge was constituted. This will demonstrate to the reader that the information derived from Bro. Gould's series of Lodge Lists, about No. 79 having been from its origin an English Lodge, is confirmed by an original record in the archives of the Grand Lodge of England.

BOSTON, 10th December 1880.

(To be continued.)

OUR CHARITIES—A YEAR'S WORK.

The year just concluded has been particularly successful as regards the amount contributed to the three Masonic Charities, the total for the twelvemonths being no less than £49,762 11s 5d, as compared with £44,731 9s 3d last year, or an increase of £5,031 2s 2d. This year the Girls' School heads the list with £17,787 10s 11d, the Benevolent coming next with £16,301 4s 10d, while the Boys' brings up the rear with £15,673 15s 8d. Subjoined are the actual figures and the sources from which the income is derived.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	14,726	8	11
United Grand Lodge (Grant from) ..	150	0	0
Supreme Grand Chapter do.	10	10	0
Do. (special vote) ...	300	0	0
Dividends	1,245	0	0
Bentley Shaw Memorial (West Yorkshire)	1,050	0	0
Musical Instruction	183	5	6
Legacy	100	0	0
Interest on money deposited in Bank ...	17	10	0
Miscellaneous	4	16	6
	£17,787	10	11

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	13,200	8	6
United Grand Lodge (Grant from) ...	800	0	0
Supreme Grand Chapter do	150	0	0
Do. (special vote) ...	300	0	0
Dividends and Interest	1,732	16	4
Legacy	100	0	0
Miscellaneous	18	0	0
	16,301	4	0

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	14,318	8	5
United Grand Lodge (Grant from) ...	150	0	0
Supreme Grand Chapter do.	10	10	0
Do. (special vote) ...	300	0	0
Dividends	381	10	9
Purchased Admissions	357	0	0
Legacy	100	0	0
Music Fees	54	1	6
Miscellaneous	2	5	0
	15,673	15	8

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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FORTITUDE LODGE, No. 105.

THE Installation meeting was held on Wednesday evening, 22nd Dec., at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princess-place, Plymouth. Bro. William Sleep Hearder, the Master-elect, was duly installed, the ceremony being ably performed by W. Bro. John James P.M., in a Board of Installed Masters consisting of W. Bros. M. Emden W.M., J. Browning P.M., S. Jew P.M. P.P.G.T., R. B. Twose P.M. P.P.G.T., George C. Bignell P.M. P.P.G.S. Works, C. Cooper P.M. Secretary, all of 105, J. B. Gover P.M. 70, P.P.G.A.D.C., J. E. Curteis P.M. 187 P.P.G.S.W., J. R. Lord P.M. 1247 P.G.S.B., R. Cawsey P.M. 230, H. Cameron P.M. 1205, A. E. Lean P.M. 70, J. Gidley P.M. 156, B. Elliot P.M. 1247, W. D. Thomas P.M. 156, F. Littleton P.M. 156, L. D. Westcott P.M. P.P.G.S. Works, A. Lethbridge P.M. 156 and 1847, D. B. Lynn P.M. 230, Wodam W.M. 70, E. Aitkin Davies P.M. P.P.G.S. Works. The Officers appointed and invested were—Bros. M. Emden I.P.M., H. J. Kitt S.W., E. A. Lyons J.W., George C. Bignell Treasurer, C. Cooper Secretary, William Stanbury S.D., J. Gifford J.D., E. Pillar I.G., George Horswell O., A. L. Levy D.C., S. R. Hayes S.S., T. Gray J.S., William Phillips T. The W. Master Bro. Hearder was elected a representative of the Committee of Petitions. The banquet will be held at Bro. Walter Farley's Hotel, on 20th January.

LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP, No. 202.

THE Annual Meeting of the above Lodge was held on Thursday, 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, St. Stephen-street, Devonport. Bro. Robert Grills, the unanimous choice of the Lodge, was impressively installed by Wor. Bros. H. Welch P.M. P.P.G.P., assisted by Worshipful Bros. J. Price P.P.G.S.B., H. J. Trethewy P.M., E. Murch P.M. P.P.G.O., and R. Marshall P.M. Amongst the Past Masters present were Worshipful Bros. E. D. Parnell, W. H. Terrell, S. Croaker, R. Jackman, E. J. Taylor, all of 202; J. Baxter 954, E. Aitken Davies P.P.G.S. Works, J. B. Gover P.P.G.A.D.C., F. Codd P.P.G.O., H. Cochrane P.P.G.D. Cornwall, J. M. Hifley P.P.G.A.D.C., R. Cawsey P.M. 230, R. Ellis W.M. 230, J. R. Harris 230, John Lavers 223. B. S. Johns W.M. 159. The Officers appointed were:—Bros. H. Welch I.P.M., S. G. Elliott S.W., G. Willcocks J.W., W. Allsford Treas., J. D. Sandy Sec., J. Vigars S.D., C. Organ J.D., W. Oates I.G., E. Langmaid D.C., R. J. Burns A.D.C., W. Walkey S.S., J. N. Taylor J.S., J. Benney Tyler. As a recognition of the services of the Secretary, Bro. Sandy, a sum of money was voted for a testimonial to him. Bro. H. Welch still represents this Lodge on the Committee of Petitions. The banquet was held at Bro. Hancock's, Golden Lion Hotel, Fore-street, and gave perfect satisfaction to seventy brethren who sat down. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

CHARITY LODGE, No. 223.

THE Installation meeting was held on Tuesday evening, 21st Dec. at the Masonic Hall, 193 Union-street Plymouth, when the Master Elect (Bro. John Lavers), who had been previously unanimously elected, was impressively installed by the retiring Master (the W. Bro. Richard Blight), assisted by W. Bros. W. Browning P.M., P.P.G.D.C., John M. Hipley P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., J. P. Phillips P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., and J. W. Cornish P.M., in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters, amongst whom were W. Bros. John Treeby P.M. P.G.R., T. C. Lewarn P.M., S. Annis P.M., of 223, E. Aitkin Davies P.M. P.P.G.S. Wks., J. B. Gover P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., Richard Cawsey P.M. 230, B. S. Johns P.M. 159, A. Lethbridge P.M. 159, W. D. Thomas P.M. 159, T. Goodall P.M. 950, James Bartlett P.M. 159. The Officers appointed and invested were Bros. Richard Blight I.P.M., John Moysey S.W., John Delve J.W., J. W. Cornish P.M., T. W. Browning P.M. Secretary, John Neno S.D., F. Goodyear J.D., James Hoyten O. and I.G., W. Hannaford D.C., J. Williams A.D.C., P. Hamley S.S., W. H. Frost S.S., James Bartlett P.M. Tyler. In acknowledgment of the services of W. Bro. Richard Blight, the Immediate Past Master, a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted him. The Treasurer's accounts were satisfactory. The banquet will be held on 5th January.

LODGE OF GOOD FELLOWSHIP, No. 276.

ON Thursday, the 16th ult., this Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, according to established custom, additional *eclat* being given to the proceedings by the newly-appointed D.P.G.M. Wor. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., choosing it as an opportunity for his investment and first official visit to the Province. Lodge was opened at three o'clock, in the Board Room of the Corn Exchange, Chelmsford, and Bro. Philbrick having been received with the honours due to his exalted rank in the Craft, the V.W. Bro. Sir R. Wigram, the retiring D.P.G.M., who presided, called upon Wor. Bro. T. J. Ralling P.G. Sec., to read the patent of appointment. This having been done, Bro. Wigram, in a few well-chosen words, proceeded to invest Bro. Philbrick with the insignia of his office, congratulating him upon his appointment, and expressing a hope that he might long be spared to give his valuable services to the Province. Bro. Philbrick, in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty greeting they had given him. He said, as an Essex man he was very proud of the post he had been so unexpectedly called on to fill, and, while feeling the difficulty of succeeding so affable, genial, and worthy a predecessor, promised to his utmost to serve the Craft in Essex. Subsequently the installation of the W.M. elect Bro. W. P. Lewin, was proceeded with, the ceremony being most ably performed by V.W. Bro. S. R. Wigram P.D.P.G.M., and the new W.M. afterwards invested his Officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Wor. Bros. Jas. S. Brown P.S.G.D. I.P.M., E. Shedd W.M. 1543 S.W., Bro. W. J. Upton J.W., Wor. Bros. the Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, F. Whitmore P.M. Treasurer, J. Nicholls, M.D., P.M. P.P.S.G.W. Secretary, Bros. Arthur Mead S.D., F. P. Sutthery J.D., A. Durrant P.M. 276 P.G. Treas. D.C., H. Bowles Org., A. C. Durrant I.G., A. G. Maskell Steward, Thos. Sarel Tyler. At the close of the ceremony, a cordial vote of thanks to the Installing Master was passed by acclamation, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. A vote of thanks to the D.P.G.M., for having chosen that occasion for his first visit to the Province after receiving his appointment, was also unanimously carried; and, in reply, W. Bro. Philbrick took occasion to refer not only to the pleasure it afforded him to be amongst them, but also to find the working of the Lodge so thoroughly good. It was announced that a cheque for £150 had been received from the Board of Benevolence for a late member of the Lodge, whose necessities had been brought before the notice of the Board by the Lodge of Good Fellowship. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where between fifty and sixty sat down to a sumptuous repast, served in first-class style by the host, Bro. Sheldrake. In the course of the post prandial proceedings, the "Health of the P.D.P.G.M. and Installing Master" was heartily drunk. The W.M., who proposed the toast, taking occasion to express the satisfaction they had all felt at the courteous and kindly manner in which Bro. Wigram had carried out his official duties, and how much they regretted his severance from the Province. Bro. Wigram, in responding, said the Masons of Essex had always received him so kindly that his office had been one of great pleasure to him, and he felt a considerable amount of regret that circumstances compelled him to lay it down. Being himself an Essex man, he should always watch with interest the progress of Masonry in the Province; and he hoped he should be permitted from time to time to come amongst them. Bro. Philbrick's health was also drunk, the Worshipful Master remarking that he was sure the welcome the Deputy Provincial Grand Master had received that day was only an earnest of what he would receive all through the Province, where his distinguished Masonic career was known and appreciated. The D.P.G.M. replied at some length, dilating upon the excellency of the Institution of Freemasonry, and expressing an earnest hope that his acceptance of the post he had taken would never be regretted by any one of the Masons of Essex. The other Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to, and a well selected programme of vocal music interspersed the proceedings which were of a most interesting and harmonious character. Among those present, either at Lodge or banquet, were:—Bros. the Worshipful Frederick A. Philbrick, Q.C., D.P.G.M., V.W. Bro. S. R. Wigram P.D.P.G.M. P.G.C., W. Bro. Andrew Durrant P.M. 276 P.G. Treas., W. Bro. T. J. Ralling P.M. 51 P.G. Sec., Rev. B. S. Barnes P.M. 276, J. Baker 1024, H. Bowles Organist 276, J. S. Brown I.P.M. 276, W. J. Botterill 21, T. Brown 1312, J. Connolly 343, A. Durrant D.C. 276 P.M., A. G. Durrant I.G. 276, T. Eustace W.M. 607, G. A. Eustace Secretary 697, W. R. Fuller 276, Frank Freeman W.M. 1024, A. Goodchild P.M. 276, A. F. Ginn P.M. 276, F. Green P.M. 276 and 1024, A. Garrod 1024, E. Gowers Organist 1024, F. Hurrell 276, J. Hutley I.G. 1024, J. W. Hair 276 P.P.G.R., E. H. Inman W.M 1312, J. R. Jarvis 276, W. Langham 276, Arthur Mead S.D. 276, A. G. Maskell Steward 276, W. Metcalfe 276, Dr. J. Nicholls Sec. and P.M. 276, W. Pullen P.M. 276, W. Pissey P.M. 1734, A. E. Peck 711, G. W. Pascall 276, J. P. Sarel P.M. 276, E. Robbins P.M. 193 and 276, Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.M. 276, T. Smee P.M. 276, E. Shedd S.W. 276, and W.M. 1543, F. P. Sutthery J.D. 276, A. A. Short P.M. 276, G. F. Skill 276, W. Springett 1044, J. J. C. Turner W.M. 51, J. Tomlinson 276, J. Taylor 276, W. J. Upton J.W. 276, A. C. Veley P.M. 276, F. Whitmore P.M. 276, D. M. B. Wheeler P.M. 276, F. Wiseman S.W. 1734, R. Wilson P.M. 276, W. Wood 276, C. Williams 276, Major Bannister 276, Dr. Downs 276, W. Hart 276, and W. Tanner 276.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 348, BOLTON.

THE installation meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Bull's Head Inn, Bolton, on Thursday, 23rd December, when there were present Bros. Israel A. Greenhalgh W.M., W. H. Alcock S.W., Josh. B. Taylor J.W., Thos. Raby P.M. Treasurer, John Alcock P.M. Sec.; Past Masters Bros. John Wolstenholme (Immediate), James Young, James Horrocks, Samuel Barrett, John Harwood, Henry Greenwood P. Prov. G. Pursuivant. Visitors—Bros. James Newton P.M. 37 Prov. S.G. Deacon, James Dooley W.M. 146, William Cooper S.W. 146, George Taylor J.W. 146, Robert Horridge P.M. 146, John F. Skelton 146, Henry Stead W.M. 221, John Mitchell 221, and others. The Lodge was opened at three o'clock p.m., and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Thomas Raby was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Thomas Higson P.M. was re-elected Tyler. The Auditors' report, which was of a satisfactory nature, was presented, and approved. A petition to the Charity Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge, on behalf of a Past Master of the Lodge, was unanimously adopted, and signed by the members present. The next business was the installation of the W.M. elect (Bro. W. H. Alcock S.W.), the ceremony being performed by Bro. John Alcock P.M. On the completion of this ceremony, Bro. John Harwood P.M. invested the following Officers, viz.:—Bros. J. B. Taylor S.W., William Crankshaw J.W., Thomas Raby P.M. Treasurer, John Alcock P.M. Secretary, Josh. Bridge S.D., John Kenyon J.D., Robert Harwood P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works Master of Ceremonies, John Harwood P.M. Organist, T. G. Orrell Inner Guard, Thomas Higson P.M. Tyler, Richard Beckett and John Partington Stewards. Hearty good wishes were tendered by the Visitors, and the Lodge was closed at 5.30 p.m. The brethren adjourned to banquet, at which about forty guests were present. The usual toasts were duly honoured, and the proceedings were enlivened by a number of songs, &c.

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POMFRET LODGE, No. 360.

MONDAY being St. John's Day, the annual Festival of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton. In the afternoon the brethren met at the Lodge Room, when Bro. George Ellard, the W.M. elect, was installed by Bro. Hamilton W. Parker. Bro. J. T. Green P.M. D.C. occupied the S.W. chair, and Bro. Butler Wilkins D.P.G.M. the J.W. chair. Amongst the brethren present of the Pomfret Lodge were T. R. Wood I.P.M., George Ellard S.W. and W.M. elect, John Bingley J.W., Rev. S. J. W. Sanders Chaplain, Butler Wilkins Treasurer, George Robinson P.M. Secretary, Frederick James Airs S.D., John J. Hart J.D., Frederick J. Dufty I.G., Edward Haynes Steward; and P.M.'s Bros. M. A. Boeme P.M. 1764, John Kellett, J. U. Stanton, John T. Green, and the following members:—Bros. Henry J. Atkins W.M. 1764, Jos. Sadler, Henry Spoor S.D. 1764, Henry Hill, Robert McClure, Henry A. Robinson, Alfred Cockerill, Henry Brown S.W. 1764, Henry Timpson. The Eleanor Cross Lodge was represented by J. W. Linnett, J. Manning, C. H. Frank Sec., T. Emery J.S., Rev. S. Wathen Wigg P.G.C. N. and H. and L. and R., Richard Croft Assist. Org., Eli Morris J.D., R. J. Johnston, Sam S. Campion. Also present—Arthur E. Greville W.M., William Whitton P.M., and Thos. Oldham J.D. Fidelity Lodge, Towcester, Arthur Littlewood Northern Counties 586, G. Carrick P.M. 327 809 P.P.G.S.W. Cambridgeshire, and others. The ceremony of installation was performed with great impressiveness by Bro. Parker. The W.M. having been duly installed, proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Jno. Bingley S.W., F. J. Airs J.W., S. J. W. Sanders P.M. 1764 Chaplain, Butler Wilkins P.M. D.P.G.M. Treas., Geo. Robinson P.M. Sec., J. J. Hart S.D., F. J. Dufty J.D., John Townley Green P.M. D.C., Jos. Sadler I.G., J. U. Stanton P.M. P.P.G.S.D., and Edward Haynes Stewards, Charles Dean and William Kirby Tylers. The installation banquet was held subsequently in the Masonic Hall, being provided by Mr. and Mrs. Forth, of the Peacock and Midland Hotel. The room had been very tastefully decorated by Bro. Jos. Jeffery, of Gold-street. The chair was occupied by the newly-installed W.M. Bro. Geo. Ellard. The cloth having been withdrawn, and the usual toasts duly honoured, Past Master Geo. Robinson gave The Right Worshipful his Grace the Duke of Manchester Prov. G.M. of Norths and Hunts, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Past Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. Butler Wilkins, in responding, congratulated the W.M. on his installation, and then referred in sympathetic terms to the death during the past year of Bro. Cox, who had done so much to promote the interests of the Masonic Charities, and the extension of Masonic principles. He congratulated the Pomfret Lodge on the unanimity and harmony of its working, and regretted they were not favoured with the presence of the Prov. G.M., as it would act as a stimulus to Freemasonry. Bro. the Rev. S. Wathen Wigg gave the health of the Installing Master, whose performance of the ceremony he had rarely seen approached. It had been done faultlessly and with an amount of energy and feeling which made it exceedingly impressive. Bro. Hamilton W. Parker spoke of the benefits derivable from the study of Masonic law and ceremony. It had a tendency to expand their ideas, and to lead to higher things. Bro. Airs next proposed the Masonic Charities. Bro. J. U. Stanton, in responding, said they had such information given them lately concerning the Charities, which might be regarded as the ornaments of the Craft, that it was unnecessary for him to speak about them at any length. He explained how he came to be proposed as Steward for the Institution for aged and Decayed Freemasons, on behalf of whom he made a special appeal, and stated that so far the response had been most gratifying and that he hoped to take at least £120 and probably more to the Festival which takes place in February. Bro. J. T. Green proposed "The Worshipful Master of the Pomfret Lodge." He remarked that it was a hackneyed observation for the proposer of a toast to make, that his was the toast of the evening. But he (Bro. Green) thought they would all agree with him in this, that the toast of their king—the representative of King Solomon—was a most important one. They had been reminded before by Bro. Sanders of the old maxim, "The King never dies," and he (Bro. Green) hoped that would always be true in regard to the ruler of the Pomfret Lodge. They had just lost one but they had got another, Bro. Wood having been succeeded by Bro. Ellard, who had shown himself a sharp and acute Craftsman. He had watched his progress with much pleasure, and felt sure that the working of the Lodge would be safe in his hands. They were not all gifted alike, and few of them in the same degree as Bro. Ellard, who had a most retentive memory, which would be of great help to him in the exalted position he now occupied. Being for the time the mouthpiece of the Lodge, he (Bro. Green) was sure that he was expressing the feeling of every one present when he said, "We wish him every happiness in the ensuing twelve months that he could wish for himself, and we feel certain that the Pomfret Lodge in his hands will continue to make progress." The Worshipful Master, in responding said he felt more than he had ever felt before in his life the need of the ability to make a speech. After the very kind and considerate remarks which had been made he could only say that he would do the best he could in the discharge of the duties of the Office he had undertaken. With the example of so many excellent workers before him, he could hardly expect to attain to so high a standard as that which had been reached, but he could assure them that if he did not carry out the ceremonies to the superlative degree of perfection it would not be because his heart was not in Masonry, but rather because the ability and not the inclination was wanting. He at least hoped to be able so to perform his duties that his conduct should meet with their approval. The Worshipful Master afterwards gave the "Immediate Past Master, Bro. T. H. Wood," who made a suitable response. The other toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Visiting Brethren," "The W.M. and Brethren of the Eleanor Cross," "The Officers of the Lodge," "The Tyler's Toast." A very pleasant evening was spent.

ST. MARTIN'S LODGE, No. 510, LISKEARD.

THE members of this Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John on Monday, the 27th ult., when the W.M. elect, Bro. Oliver Colmer, was installed by his predecessor, Bro. John Harris, assisted by Bro. W. Nettle P.M. P.G. Steward, and the following Board of Installed Masters:—W. Bros. T. Lang P.M., R. Coath P.M. P.G. Steward, R. A. Courtney P.M. P.P.S.G.D., T. White P.M. P.P.G.S. of Works, J. W. Chegwidden P.M. P.P.G.D.C., W. H. Kinsman P.M. 121, W. P. Smith P.M. 856 P.P.G.S. of Works, H. De Leigh P.M. 420, S. Mitchell P.M. 699, P.G. Steward, W. Polkinghorn P.M. 1151 P.G. Steward. At the close of the installation the following brethren were invested as the Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Wor. J. Harris I.P.M., W. Sargent S.W., J. Hill J.W., the Rev. W. Fookes Chaplain, Thomas White Treasurer, R. A. Courtney Secretary, W. Hocken S.D., T. E. Moon J.D., G. R. Sanders D.C., W. Huddy Organist, E. Mallet I.G., W. H. Stanton and T. Higman Stewards, and R. Penwarden Tyler. Bro. J. J. Larnigeon was unanimously elected Steward of the C.M.A. Fund. In the evening the brethren of the Lodge, with several visitors, dined together at Webb's Hotel, where an enjoyable evening was spent.

LOYAL VICTORIA LODGE, No. 557, CALLINGTON.

THE Annual Festival of this Lodge was held on Monday, at the Masonic Hall. The W.M. elect, Worshipful Bro. George B. Woolcock, was installed by Worshipful Bro. C. T. Pearce P.P.G.D., assisted by Worshipful Bros. John Peter P.P.G.W., T. B. Richards P.M., and Richard Parkin P.M. At the close of the installation, the following brethren were invested as the Officers for the ensuing year:—Wor. Bros. Richard Parkin I.P.M., W. Tamblyn S.W., George Morgan J.W., Chas. T. Pearce Treasurer, J. T. Williams Secretary, W. Stephens S.D., John H. Cousins J.D., J. Rabbage I.G., Stephen G. Bennett D.C., William Bond Org., D. Steer S.S., George Body J.S., James Henwood Tyler. Bro. T. B. Richards was unanimously re-elected Steward of the C.M.A. and B.F. The brethren of the Lodge and Visitors dined together at Golding's Hotel, the usual Masonic toasts being given and responded to. In the evening an entertainment was held under the auspices of the Lodge at Golding's Assembly Room, the chief attractions being Mr. Dowling's admirable songs, and the excellent performance of Mr. Bodinner's Quadrille Band. There was also an auction sale of surplus bazaar goods. The entertainment concluded with a dance. The attendance was very good, the room being crowded, and all seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

ELMS LODGE No. 1212.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Home Park, Stoke. Bro. J. H. Trounce, the late Secretary, who had been previously unanimously elected, was installed the Worshipful Master for 1881. The very interesting ceremony was performed by the retiring Master Wor. Bro. Joseph Bassett, assisted by Wor. Bros. J. Ripper P.M. and T. G. Bickle P.M., in the presence of a board of Installed Masters, amongst whom were Wor. Bros. S. S. Tremayne P.M. P.P.G.S. Works, F. Hooper P.M., E. Murch P.M. P.P.G.O., W. Fowler P.M., T. S. Jackson P.M., all of 1212; P. B. Clements P.M. 954 P.P.G.O., R. Cawsey P.M., and S. R. Ellis W.M., J. H. R. Harris I.P.M. of 230, R. Grills W.M. 202, E. Poor P.M. 1136 P.P.G.P. Cornwall, E. A. Davies P.M. 1099 P.P.G.S. Works, J. B. Gover P.M. 70 P.P.G.A.D.C., Geo. Cassell P.M. 1136, J. Baxter P.M. 954. The accounts were audited, and there was a very satisfactory balance in favour of the Lodge. The Officers appointed and invested for the year were—Bros. Joseph Bassett I.P.M., George Derry S.W., W. Jenkins J.W., W. Fowler Treasurer, J. G. Bickle Sec., A. H. Widden S.D., F. Wright J.D., J. Hocken Org., Wm. Bickle D.C., R. D. Atkin I.G., Leonard S.S., T. Cundy J.S., James Rashbrook Tyler. The W.M. is the representative of the Committee of Petitions. The brethren, about fifty, adjourned to the Royal Hotel, Devonport, for the banquet. This was in all respects what a banquet should be, gave universal satisfaction, and Bro. Parker was thanked for his catering. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the W.M. ably presiding.

We have received from Messrs. Beckmann Bros., Printsellers to the Queen, a copy of a picture they have just issued of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in his insignia of office as Grand Master of English Freemasons. The portrait is 19 by 14 inches, and is printed in colours, forming a very handsome picture, and one which we think will meet a favourable reception at the hands of English brethren. The plate will, no doubt, be recognised by many as an old favourite, it being none other than that issued some time back by Bro. E. J. Harty, who, we are given to understand, has disposed of his copyright to Messrs. Beckmann. As we have already said, the picture is now produced in colours, and at a much more reasonable price than was hitherto the case, it being obtainable at 7s 6d per copy. Each plate has a facsimile of the signature of the Grand Master, and is altogether a work of which Masons may be proud.

At the monthly meeting of the Boscawen Lodge' No. 699, Chacewater, Bro. the Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. P.M. Ninnis was re-elected Treasurer.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

At the meeting of the House Committee of this Institution, held on Christmas-eve, Bro. William Roebuck in the chair, Bro. John Constable, Chairman of the Bazaar Committee of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, and Bro. Dick Radclyffe, Hon. Sec., attended at the Institution on behalf of the Committee, for the purpose of making a presentation to the School. The gift consisted of a very handsome silver Cornet, manufactured by Messrs. F. Besson and Co., which was purchased through the exertions of Madame Fontaine-Besson, Bro. W. W. Morgan, of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and other brethren, by subscriptions of visitors to the Bazaar held last June, in aid of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund. The reason of the presentation is fully set forth in the following inscription on the Cornet:—"Presented to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, by the Committee of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, as a mark of appreciation of the services rendered by the boys composing the band and choir of the Institution at a Bazaar held in aid of the Fund in June 1880."

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls met on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Lieut-Colonel Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present, Bros. Frank Richardson, H. Massey, Arthur E. Gladwell, John A. Rucker, J. H. Matthews, Thomas Mason, Frederick Adlard, Charles Hammerton, R. B. Webster, Frederick Drummond, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. On the motion of Bro. Frank Richardson, a Sub-Matron and Needlework Mistress were appointed, and Bro. Richardson gave notice of motion for next Quarterly Court to make a small increase to some of the teachers' salaries, and also to appoint some additional teachers, the duties of the establishment falling much heavier since the twenty-five additional girls were elected. Seven candidates were then placed on the list for election in April. Vacancies were declared for fifteen girls at that election, at which there will be twenty-eight candidates. Bro. Rucker P.G.D. called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the fathers of the seven children who had that day been placed on the list had only been in Masonry nine, eight, six, five, and three years respectively before death. He was afraid there was too great a readiness to introduce into Masonry gentlemen who were likely to become a burden to it, and he thought that before long the attention of Lodges would have to be called to the subject. The Chairman then moved that £1400 be invested in Reduced, and placed in the Sustentation Fund. He said he had been over the financial state of the Institution with the Secretary, and had found that after everything had been paid that would have to be paid, this amount might be invested. Bro. Richardson seconded the motion, which was carried, as was also another motion for increasing the sum allowed to be in the Secretary's hands for petty cash from £50 to £70. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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WITHDRAWAL OF VISITORS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—No one who may have read the letter waggishly signed "THE IRREPRESSIBLE TOMKINS" which appeared in your issue of the 18th inst. can fail to perceive that, in penning his remarks, the writer was clearly animated by an unfriendly, and by no means fraternal spirit. A half-forgotten matter, of no very great importance to the high interests of the Craft, incidentally mentioned in a report of the proceedings of Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185, afforded the opportunity of venting a probably long suppressed anger upon the devoted head of a, most likely, very *innocent* offender. It would perhaps be better to leave the letter to the judgment of your readers, who know, and who in more than one way have in a tangible manner shown, a thorough appreciation of the many and varied services to the Craft rendered by Bro. Constable, were it not that an editorial footnote not only backs up the offensive expressions it contains, but also flatly contradicts the views upon the same subject embodied in a leading article published in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 21st September 1878.

In the present year of grace, Bro. Constable's conduct in expressing his disgust at the treatment received as a visitor to a Lodge at Port Elizabeth is held to be, by the writer, "a silly exhibition of spleen," &c., but in 1878 he was not only considered blameless, but very badly used by the W.M. of the Goodwill Lodge. In September '78 Dr. Oliver is quoted in favour of Bro. Constable; showing how it was the right of every well-vouched Freemason to visit a Lodge, and remain in it under all circumstances, provided he conducted himself with propriety; and how a resolution emanating from the Board of General Purposes was promulgated to that effect; and how a late Grand Master declared that a Mason's Lodge is a Mason's church, and that no legally qualified member could be refused admission under *any circumstances*. Dr. Oliver also stated that in spite of all this some Masters of Lodges do refuse admission to visitors, but declares such exclusion illegal. In December '80, however, the same authority is quoted against Bro. Constable, in what is described an amiable and courteous type of Freemason, whose delicacy would prompt him to retire under certain circumstances. But in September '78, we have a further quotation from Dr. Oliver, which in '80 it was thought convenient to omit, to the effect that, "When any business of a private nature, such as a discussion of the state of the funds, or any other topic which cannot be interesting to a stranger, &c., due notice having been given to every member, it would be *indelicate to invite Brethren*," *&c.* Now, Bro. Constable was well vouched for and *invited*, and having proved himself qualified to the Master's satisfaction was asked to withdraw until the Lodge should have been opened and the minutes read. To my mind, such an indignity would be justly resented by any one possessing a grain of self respect.

I will not encroach further upon your valuable space, but refer those of your readers who may be interested in this matter to the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 21st September '78, in which the subject is most ably and exhaustively treated. One more remark and I am done. To write under an assumed name upon general matters is permissible, but cowardly when the shelter is used to offensively characterise the conduct of an individual. To fling insulting expressions from under cover of a *nom de plume* is an atrocity not many degrees removed from the act of firing at a man from behind a hedge.

Yours fraternally,

E. GOTTHEIL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is necessary only for me to correct your statements. Your reporter was not fully acquainted with the proceedings of 1878 until I sent him a copy of the report and article last week. Allow me to say—

1st. That you *were* in possession of all the facts in 1878 (*vide* article 21st Sept. *idem*).

2nd. That no reason was assigned to me by the W.M. beyond "that it was not customary to allow Visitors to be present until after the confirmation of the minutes."

3rd. That I did not object to withdraw upon the W.M.'s request.

You are unaware that I am in weekly business communication with the then W.M. of the Goodwill Lodge, and that our relations always have been, and still are, of the most friendly character. Further, that whatever amount of knowledge the year 1880 may have given you, it is clear you do not know that your article of 1878 was the means of inducing the members of the Goodwill Lodge to transact their *private business* IN PRIVATE, and since that period no Visitor has been asked to retire until after the confirmation of the minutes, either in the Goodwill or any other Lodge in Port Elizabeth.

Permit me to say that I, of all your friends, should have been free from your editorial attack, and I am astounded that the "IRREPRESSIBLE TOMKINS" should have been a party to so unwarrantable a proceeding.

"Save me from my friends."

This letter will close my remarks upon the subject.

I am, yours fraternally,

JOHN CONSTABLE.

328 Mansion House Chambers,
28th December 1880.

[We gathered from Bro. Constable's letter of the 20th ult. that the alleged irreconcilability of the opinions we expressed in reference to his little "incident" in 1878, and recently, did not further concern him. However, he seems to have changed his mind, and we have great pleasure in inserting the above letter. We are very much obliged to him for his "corrections." We hope we have received them in a becoming spirit of meekness and humility, but even editors may be pardoned if they are at the pains of pointing out, that "corrections" are not always correct. Therefore, and in the most conciliatory spirit imaginable, we take the liberty of acknowledging his several propositions thus: (1) Two versions of the incident which occurred during Bro. Constable's visit to the Goodwill Lodge have reached us. Version No. 1 alleged that he was requested to withdraw till the minutes had been read; version No. 2, that it was because some business was about to be transacted which did not concern a stranger. If the minutes contained the business "which did not concern a stranger," then the two versions are reconcilable. If they did not, then Bro. Constable was justified in insisting on his right to remain, at all events, until the private business of the Lodge came on for consideration, when courtesy, of course, would have led him to retire without any invitation whatever. On the other hand, if he waxed indignant when requested to retire during the transaction of business which did not concern him, then Bro. Constable was in the wrong. (2) The brother who furnished the report of the last meeting of Tranquillity assigned, in his footnote, the W.M.'s reason for asking Bro. Constable to retire, what we have already stated, namely, that the business did not concern a stranger. We cannot explain how the mistake occurred, especially as

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Bro. Constable was himself present at the meeting, and could have been appealed to for his version of what actually did take place. We refer him to our Reporter for an explanation. (3) As a matter of fact, Bro. Constable did withdraw, but we are at a loss to understand why, as stated in Version No. 1, the Worshipful Master should have expressed his willingness to allow Bro. Constable to remain, or why the latter, according to version No. 2, should have expressed indignation at the request, if he (Bro. Constable) did not object. The W.M. could hardly be so silly as to make a request one minute for the purpose of withdrawing it the next, nor is it consistent with Bro. Constable's usual sense to be indignant about what he did not object to do. We are very pleased to hear our brother is "in weekly business communication with the then W.M. of the Goodwill Lodge, and that our relations always have been, and still are, of the most friendly character." How delightful it is to know there are two brethren who dwell together in unity—even though one of them resides in Port Elizabeth and the other in London. We are also gratified to learn "that our article of 1878 has had the effect of inducing the members of the Goodwill Lodge to transact their *private business* IN PRIVATE"—if by that is meant, that what does not concern a stranger is transacted in the absence of strangers—and that they have the good sense to receive visitors during the transaction of the ordinary business of the Lodge. In conclusion, we know of no particular reason why, if Bro. Constable is, in our judgment, in the wrong, we should not tell him so, as we have done in this instance, courteously. We cannot agree with him that such conduct on our part is either an attack on him, towards whom we have not the slightest particle of ill-feeling, or "an unwarrantable proceeding." Nor is there any reason why the "IRREPRESSIBLE TOMKINS" should not have written the letter he did. There was nothing in it offensive towards Bro. Constable, or we should not have inserted it. However, our correspondent must speak for himself, if he cares to do so; we have enough on our own hands to do without taking upon ourselves the responsibility of answering on behalf of all who address to us communications.—ED. F.C.]

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By Bro. JOSHUA NUNN, V.P.—

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LODGE HISTORIES.

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ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 242, DONCASTER.

NOT many months ago we were enabled to give a succinct history of the St. Hilda's Lodge, No. 240, South Shields, on the occasion of its centenary anniversary. We are now in a position to add one more to our series of Lodge Histories, that of the St. George's Lodge, No. 242, of Doncaster, for the particulars of which we are in great measure indebted to the columns of the *Doncaster Chronicle*. It is, of course, in the nature of things that Freemasonry should flourish like a green bay-tree throughout the whole of the large county of York. Its chief city is inseparably connected with the history of our Craft, and although the old Grand Lodge of York passed away towards the close of last century, it has left behind it a name which will endure as long as Freemasonry exists. The two Provinces into which the county is divided must have between them some ninety Lodges, and no less than twenty-six of these were in existence before the Union of 1813. West Yorkshire, on the roll of which the St. George's Lodge holds so respected a place, is most regular and most liberal in its contributions to our Grand Institutions, and N. and E. Yorkshire highly distinguished itself last February, when its G. Master, the Earl of Zetland, occupied the chair at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, an example which we feel confident will be followed by its western

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neighbours this year when Sir Henry Edwards, all being well, has consented to preside at the Festival of the same Charity. It is not surprising, therefore, that when such an opportunity presents itself as the centenary festival of a Yorkshire Lodge, the brethren of the County should turn it to account. Some three years ago the York Lodge, No. 236, had a grand gathering in honour of its centenary. Other Lodges which enjoy the same distinction have done the same, and now, or rather in October last, the St. George's commemorated the hundredth year of its existence in a manner which redounds to its credit, and of which all who took part in the celebration cannot fail to be proud.

There is one feature in connection with the history of this Lodge which speaks volumes in favour of the zeal and earnest care which must have animated its members from the very first day of its existence. It is still in possession of the original Warrant which was granted by Grand Master the Duke of Manchester, and its original furniture and working tools; and it is one of the very few Lodges which have enjoyed so long an existence that can boast of having a complete record of its proceedings. These records, we believe, contain memoranda, which would not only interest the Craft generally, but contain references to historical events of the greatest national importance. Thus, in the stirring times during the great war in which this country was engaged, almost without intermission, from 1792 to 1813, the Doncaster Freemasons gave more than public evidence of their loyalty to the Crown and Constitution. They bid God-speed to the gallant men who voluntarily placed their services at the disposal of their country, and when the gallant veterans of the Peninsular war and the heroes of Waterloo returned home after their gallant achievements, those who passed through Doncaster met with no heartier welcome from any body of its inhabitants than from the members of the St. George's Lodge. Nor has it been behind its sister Lodges in the part it has played in connection with local and general charities. It has done its share towards assisting our Institutions, and the claims of Doncaster itself to its support have never been lost sight of. Indeed, the Lodge would seem to have comported itself admirably during the whole period of its existence, and its history doubtless forms one of the brightest among the many bright pages in which are written the annals of English Freemasonry.

St. George's Lodge was constituted in 1780, the original Warrant which, as we have already said, is still religiously preserved, bearing date the 14th July of that year. It was granted by the Duke of Manchester, who was at the time Grand Master, and was addressed to Bro. William Stephenson, the first W.M. and other brethren. Two years later we find it attending Divine service in the old parish church, when a sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. W. Johnson, of York, Provincial Grand Chaplain. Similar services were regularly given every year until 1837. In 1784 the then W.M. of the Lodge strenuously advocated the establishment of Sunday Schools in Doncaster, and in 1786 the Lodge unanimously voted the sum of five guineas towards their support. In 1809 a liberal subscription was given towards the enlargement of the Parish Churchyard, and on the very same evening on which this was done, a handsome sum was collected, and handed over for the relief of the Doncastrian poor. In 1827 some twenty members of the Lodge, with the W.M., Sir W. B. Cooke, assisted the Mayor of Doncaster to lay the foundation stone of Christ Church. In 1847, the brethren adjourned from the Lodge room to the Mansion House, for the purpose of meeting the Mayor and Corporation of Doncaster, after which they went in procession to lay the foundation stone of the new Market Hall, the ceremony being performed with due Masonic honours by the W.M., who was the very same Sir W. B. Cooke, who took part, as we have just mentioned, in the ceremonial of 1827. As regards the members, it appears that no less than twelve of them have served the office of Mayor of Doncaster, while prominent among the local clergy who have belonged to the Lodge must be mentioned the Rev. J. G. Fardell, formerly rector of Sprotbro', who was Master for three successive years; a present made by him to the St. George's being still one of its most valued possessions. Sir W. Bryan Cooke, father of the present baronet, was five times W.M., and held that position at the time he was appointed the first Mayor of Doncaster under the Municipal Act. Other of the more distinguished members were Lord Galway, Dr. Chorley, the Hon. W. G. Monckton, and Bro. L. Walbank Childers of Cantley.

The centenary celebration was held in the Mansion House, the Mayor having very kindly placed the building, with its furniture and appointments, at the services of the Lodge for the occasion. The Committee in charge of the arrangements consisted of the W.M. Bro. Delanoy, the P.M.'s, Wardens, and other Officers of the Lodge; but the Executive who really did what was necessary, included the W.M. Bro. Rand I.P.M., and Bros. F. D. Walker P.M., Bolsover, Verity, Axe, and Henry Fox Hon. Secretary. The Ball Room was fitted up as the Lodge room, and all the other rooms were turned to account for various purposes. About 200 brethren were present from different parts of the Province and Lodge having been opened with the usual formalities, in due course, Prov. G. Lodge was announced and received with honours, Bro. Delanoy vacating the chair in favour of Sir Henry Edwards P.G.M., who was supported by Bro. Tew Dep. P.G.M., Bro. C. L. Mason P.G. Treasurer, and other P.G. Officers past and present. Prov. G.L. was then opened, and after the reading and confirmation of the minutes, votes of thanks were passed with acclamation, to the Mayor, the Vicar of Doncaster, and the Organist and choir.

The Prov. G. Master then rose and addressed those present at some length. "Brethren," he said, "of the Saint George's Lodge, I thank you, and also the Mayor and Corporation of Doncaster, for this day's invitation, and the admirable arrangements which you have made for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire in this town. Accept, brethren, the assurance of the gratification it affords me and the Provincial Grand Officers past and present, to see assembled in this Mansion House so numerous a gathering of the Craft, and our satisfaction that the roll-call has been so well responded to by the sixty-six Lodges in this Province. Most cordially do I reciprocate the kind manner in which you have received your Provincial Grand Master, and the warmth of your salutation. It affords me the greatest pleasure at this, our October meeting, in offering to every one of you my felicitations on the continued unanimity of the Craft as a body in my Province, the prosperity of the different Lodges, and on the support given to our Charities, and the progress of those benevolent works to which the Craft has this year given an impetus and lent its influence." After referring with much satisfaction to the contributions of West Yorkshire towards the Central Masonic Institutions and the services it had rendered to the different local Charities, Sir Henry Edwards expressed a hope that on the occasion of his taking the chair at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, he should find his exertions seconded by a numerous array of West Yorkshire Stewards; and he trusted their efforts might result as favourably as did those of the contiguous Province of N. and E. Yorkshire, when its chief, the Earl of Zetland occupied the chair in behalf of the same Institution last year. Our R.W. Brother concluded as follows:—"I feel it an honour and a pleasure, as does also my Deputy, whose native town is Doncaster, that it has happened to be our good fortune and of this Provincial Grand Lodge, to be invited to congratulate St. George's Lodge on the completion of its Centenary, on the deeds of generosity which have continually marked its progress, and the list of eminent and distinguished personages its roll-call records. May St. George's Lodge, in hundreds of years to come, show that its future members are as brilliant and distinguished as have been those in the past, and animated by the same Masonic zeal as its early founders for its prosperity, and in the promotion of every useful, benevolent, and charitable work."

On the motion of Bro. Prov. Grand Treasurer, seconded by Bro. Hill, formerly chairman of the Charity Committee, the sum of one hundred guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Male Fund, and an equal amount to the Widows' Fund of the same Institution. After the despatch of other business, Bro. Tew D.P.G.M. presented, at his own cost, to the Lodge, the Centenary Warrant, which had been granted by the Prince of Wales, G. Master, and to each of the officers a centenary jewel, to be worn with the collar in perpetuity. P. G. Lodge was then adjourned for the purpose of attending divine service in the parish church. The procession, as it wended its way through the streets, made a very effective display, and along the line of route every available spot was crowded with spectators. The Vicar, who was assisted by the Rev. T. R. Wallen Pearson and Rev. C. B. Chalmer, officiated, while the sermon, which was a most eloquent one, was preached by the Rev. Canon Blakeney, P.G. Chaplain, Vicar of Sheffield. A collection in aid of the Doncaster Infirmary was then made, and realised the handsome sum of £40, the plates being handed round by the W.M. and other members of St. George's. The procession then returned in reverse order to the Mansion House, where P.G.L. and St. George's were successively closed, after which the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where a sumptuous dinner, provided by Miss Hoskison, the housekeeper, was served. Sir Henry Edwards presided, and was supported by Bros. Tew Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Dr. J. Pearson Bell Dep. Prov. Grand Master North and East Yorkshire, and James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. After dinner, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk with great enthusiasm. Bro. Tew proposed the health of the Prov. G. Master and Bro. Sir Henry Edwards having acknowledged the compliment, and proposed the toast of his respected Deputy, vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Tew, he (Sir Henry) being under the necessity of leaving early.

Bro. Tew, in reply, said—It is somewhat difficult to speak fitly for the office I have the honour to occupy in West Yorkshire, and perhaps still more so for those others appertaining to the rest of the present acting as well as past Officers of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons. All of us, however, desire to express our sense of gratitude for the compliment Sir Henry Edwards has been pleased to pay my colleagues and myself, and to you, brethren, for the fraternal and hearty manner in which you have responded to this toast of the Prov. Grand Master. We consider it a privilege to serve under the banner of this Lodge, and to have you, Sir Henry Edwards, for our Provincial Grand Master. We can assure that, though year after year we are permitted to take part in the deliberations of these Masonic assemblies, and be present at these banquets, the interest we feel in these parliaments of the Craft, and in working to promote the advancement of Freemasonry in this Province, does not in any way diminish by frequency of being called together. On the contrary, we are conscious of the obligations we are ever under to the numerous Lodges in the cordial support which their Worshipful Masters give to the several Officers from year to year. We are thus enabled to promote the cause of many benevolent and charitable objects brought to our notice, and to cultivate amongst the brethren social unity, harmony, and good fellowship. I will go further, and say, as a body, we look upon wrong and injury by mankind as an untoward misfortune to the world, and generosity and mutual forbearance as the one abiding, inextinguishable characteristic of Freemasonry; and though many persons and writers outside our circle often disparage our peculiar system, and sometimes praise us, yet those who do enter the portals of our Lodges, and therein master the principles of Masonic science, cannot but admire its intellectual freedom, its beauty as a symbolic art, its infinite ramifications and complexity, perfect in its adjustment, by the utility of its different parts or degrees, by which all minds and all people can benefit by its influences. Freemasonry is the most fascinating science of the day. It is most popular, most charitable, and it is useful and universal over the globe. The Order enjoys a love for scientific enterprise, a love for order, for the ambition and acquisition of knowledge, and to use that knowledge so that we may be more extensively serviceable to our fellow-creatures. Freemasonry is worthy of cultivation, of encouragement, and of our approbation. The records of St. George's Lodge, under whose banner we have been handsomely received to-day, furnish several illus-

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trations that benevolence is our foundation-stone and charity our cope-stone. The centenary of this Lodge's institution recalls to our minds many names associated with the history of Doncaster; their virtues, their geniuses, their deeds of charity, all claim the remembrance of our recognition. It was Will Radclyffe, of the 30th degree, who helped Edward Miller, Mayor of Doncaster, and Organist of our parish Church, to write his history of this town. It was in October 1782, two then promising members connected with this Lodge, Dr. Chorley, my grandfather, and Mr. Branson who started your charity, the Doncaster Dispensary. To Tetlow, of Knottingley, you owe the translation of your charters from Richard I. to James II., and to William Sheardown, whose history is a remarkable one of industry and energy and literary ability, you are indebted for the publication of Miller's history. The Prov. Grand Master has, however, awakened a few other memories. From this place or its vicinity sprang Richard Plantagenet, whose intrigues gave rise to those bitter contests between the Houses of York and Lancaster. It was Role, a hermit from Hampole, who attempted first to translate the Bible into English. Thomas Scott became an Archbishop of York. You also claim Francis Frobisher, your Mayor in 1535, as the father of Queen Elizabeth's famous Admiral. One of your vicars, assisted by this Lodge, established the first Sunday School in this town. There was enacted in Doncaster the tragedy of Rainsford's death and murder in 1647, still shrouded in mystery. Sir Philip Monckton was a prisoner at Belvoir Castle in 1648. Viscount Galway, Sir Ralph Knight, and R. Molesworth were townsmen of Doncaster, and remarkable for their devotion to the two Charleses. My grandfather was cornet and my father a captain in the Wath troop of Yeomanry Cavalry, whilst in your old churchyard lie the bones of several of my ancestors. Here I was born and passed my early youth. Before the passing of the Municipal Act, I was made a Freeman of Doncaster, and to-day it is my good fortune, as the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, to thank the St. George's Lodge for the reception they and the Craft have given to your Grand Lodge, and for the compliment paid to the office I have the honour to occupy. I shall ever remember this visit to Doncaster.

Among the other toasts were those of the Mayor and Corporation of Doncaster, acknowledged by Bro. Shirley, the Town Clerk, "St. George's Lodge, No. 242, on attaining its centenary," responded to by Bro. James Rigby, and the W. Master, to which Bro. Delanoy replied in suitable terms. The proceedings were shortly afterwards concluded.

The following is a list of the W. Masters of St. George's Lodge from the year of its Constitution:—

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1785—E. Teare
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1788—T. Barrette
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1790—T. Brooke
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1792—E. Miller
1793—E. Miller
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1796—E. Miller
1797—E. Miller
1798—E. Miller
1799—E. Miller
1800—E. Miller
1801—E. Miller
1802—Jas. Scott
1803—J. Robinson
1804—Jas. Herring
1805—Wm. Morley
1806—Wm. Whittaker
1807—Wm. Crossley
1808—Miles Morley
1809—John Scott
1810—Richd. Welbourne
1811—R. Jarvis
1812—J. Jenkinson
1813—Wm. Crossley
1814—Wm. Crossley
1815—Robert Jarvis
1816—R. Wellbourne
1817—R. Wellbourne
1818—Thos. Hall
1819—R. Wellbourne
1820—Jas. Anderton
1821—Jas. Anderton
1822—R. Wellbourne
1823—R. Wellbourne
1824—R. Wellbourne
1825—Thos. Hall
1826—R. Wellbourne
1827—R. Wellbourne
1828—Sir Wm. B. Cooke, Bart.
1829—Sir Wm. B. Cooke Bart.
1830—T. Webb
1831—Jos. Lockwood
1832—Jos. Lockwood
1833—Thos. Woods
1834—J. E. Morey
1835—J. E. Morey
1836—Sir W. B. Cooke, Bart.
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1839—T. Webb
1840—J. E. Morey
1841—Sir W. B. Cooke, Bart.
1842—Jos. Jackson
1843—Thos. Naylor
1844—R. P. Tallis
1845—T. B. Mason
1846—W. H. Bailes
1347—F. Ingham
1848—F. Ingham
1849—H. B. Square
1850—Ed. Nicholson
1851—Wm. Price
1·52—Jas. Sherwin
1853—Rev. J. G. Fardell
1854—Rev. J. G. Fardell
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1860—Jas. Rigby
1861—Jno. Lister
1862—Theo. Smith
1863—Joseph Wright
1864—Robt. C. Bentley
1865—Jas. Rigby
1866—Jas. Rigby
1867—C. M. Hartley
1868—Robt. C. Bentley
1869—Robt. C. Bentley
1870—Jas. Rigby
1871—Geo. Brooke
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1873—Geo. Hardy
1874—F. D. Walker
1875—F. D. Walker
1876—John Heaton
1877—Alfred Parkin
1878—John Shires
1879—F. Rand
1880—Wm. Delanoy

Comment on so excellent an array of Masters is unnecessary. May the list be as brilliant in the future as it has been hitherto!

THE LATE FRANK BUCKLAND.

THE funeral of Mr. Frank Buckland, one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Fisheries, took place on Friday last, 24th ult., at Brompton Cemetery, when there was a numerous gathering of friends to pay their last tribute of respect to his memory. Mr. Buckland died at his residence, 37 Albany-street, Regent's Park, on Sunday, the 19th ult., having only a few days previous completed his fifty-fourth year. He was the eldest son of the late Very Rev. Dr. Buckland, Dean of Westminster, and one of the most distinguished geologists of his own or any day, was educated at Winchester College, and Christchurch, Oxon., and took his degree of B.A. in 1848. He then entered on the study of medicine, and having served the office of House Surgeon at St. George's Hospital, was gazetted as Assistant Surgeon in the 2nd Life Guards. He resigned his commission in 1863, and thenceforward to the close of his career devoted himself heart and soul to Natural History. To him, the world is largely indebted for the increased knowledge and culture of Fish. His museum at South Kensington is alone a sufficient testimony to this, even if no account were taken of his numerous contributions on the subject to the periodical literature of the day. He did not, however, confine his labours to fish only; his interest was pretty impartially distributed among all branches of the animal world, and whether he was writing of a baby hippopotamus, the cobra, the elephant, or generally, he always wrote pleasantly and in a manner to enlist the sympathies of the public. Still more to his praise is it to say that the opinions he offered were thoroughly practical, and to his energy and ability we are indebted for more than one careful legislative enactment on the subject of the culture and preservation of fish. But they who knew him best are the best qualified to speak of his merits, and we cannot do better than quote the following excerpt from the colums of *Land and Water*, with which excellent journal Mr Buckland, as projector, proprietor, and contributor, had been connected during the whole period of its existence:—"With his enthusiastic, genial, and ever-ready pen, his practical bent of mind and his keen observing powers, ever on the look-out to seize new points for the elucidation of natural history puzzles and ichthyological problems, it was his delight to communicate all he observed or learned to our pages. Here he met the public as a friend."

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. D.—Such a brother is not a full member and not entitled, therefore, to the rights and privileges of full membership. But even if he were, it would be ill-advised on the part of the W.M. to appoint him to, and ill-becoming in him, to accept an office the duties of which it was known beforehand he would be prevented from discharging regularly.

R. L. S.—The Festival of the R.M.B.I. is fixed for Wednesday, 23rd of February, and will be held, as usual, at Freemasons' Tavern. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Prov. G. Master of West Yorkshire, has consented to take the chair. For further information we refer you to Bro. James Terry, Secretary to the Institution, at the Offices, 4 Freemasons' Hall.

THE MOHAWK MINSTRELS.

THE Mohawks made their re-appearance at their quarters at the Agricultural Hall, after their three weeks' visit to the Garrick Theatre, on Christmas Eve. The programme was a special one, and gave the greatest satisfaction to all who had the good fortune to be present. Mr. Ted Snow created quite a *furore* in his new song, "I can't get married at all." Mr. G. Clare sang with great taste a pretty new ballad, "A Sunbeam fell across my Way." Mr. Kavanagh was in good voice, and sang "The Tournament" splendidly. Mr. C. Garland's rendering of "Children's Happy Voices," to use an expressive phrase, brought down the house. In the second part a quintette, entitled "Lady Mine, at early Day," by Mr. Warwick Williams, the Musical Director of the troupe, was another great success, thanks to the taste exhibited by Messrs. Garland, Temple, Layton, Oliver, and Clare in their interpretation of Mr. Williams's composition. A new Comicality, "The Bamptious Bumpkins," and a new Farcical Absurdity, "The Music Monomaniac," with a new Banjo Song, by Little Thomas, were very favourably received. This special programme was given twice, both on Monday and Tuesday, crowded houses, and is being repeated every evening with the greatest success. Mr. Hunter was the able Interlocutor he always is, and Mr. Mowbray, as Manager, spared no pains to meet the comfort of the audience.

BERNER'S HALL.

WE have great pleasure in noting that the Berner's Hall, Agricultural Hall, has been opened for the season by Bro. R. G. Thomas, who has provided an admirable Variety Entertainment, which includes magic and juggling, startling illusions, an exhibition of Living Statuary, together with a Grand Christmas Shadow Pantomime. In Part I. appeared Messrs. Ottaway and Woodin, the Champion Bone Soloists and Comedians. Both did extremely well, Mr. Ottaway being a wonderful good "bones," such as we have seldom seen. The Champion Skaters likewise acquitted themselves in a manner which was highly appreciated by the whole audience. Part II. included the Shadow Pantomime, with Johnny De Vere as Clown, M. Ricarde as Harlequin, Sidney Neal as Columbine, and Tom Robbins Pantaloon. This, too, was deservedly applauded. The orchestra gave more than one evidence of its quality; indeed, the whole entertainment is such as might have been expected from so experienced an *entrepreneur* as Bro. Thomas, to whom we heartily wish all success.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 1st JANUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
1381—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

MONDAY, 3rd JANUARY.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1803—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1696—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
M.M. 139—Panmure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
M.M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30 (Instruction)

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
462—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
507—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Basingstoke
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1060—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1061—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury at 8 (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1674—Caradoc, Town Hall, Rhyl
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1796—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R.A. 262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

TUESDAY, 4th JANUARY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
173—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1296—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1340—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1559—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1668—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
134—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
403—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1323—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.
M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.

WEDNESDAY, 5th JANUARY.

New Year's Entertainment to the "Old Folks," R.M.B.I. Asylum, Croydon
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1248—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 316 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
284—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
504—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chesham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction.)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool (In.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull. (Instruction.)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
R. A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 6th JANUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.45 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1283—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
M.M. 199 Duke of Connaught, Bell Hotel, Shoreditch. (Instruction.)
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 7th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)

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766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction.)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
319—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
343—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
690—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1353—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Room, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1538—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Free masons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

SATURDAY, 8th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1301—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Lodge of Union, No. 414.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. S. Bradley W.M., C. Oades I.P.M., C. Stephens S.W., R. C. Mount P.M. J.W., S. A. Pocock Treasurer, M. J. Withers Secretary, F. Ferguson S.D., S. Wheeler jun. J.D., F. Blackwell Steward, A. W. Parry I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Morris, R. Bradley, Long, C. Smith, Yetts, Moxhay; also Bros. G. Webb, Bracher, Sherwood, Dodd, Oswell, Higgs, Butler, Moffatt, Hawkes, George, Albury, Armstrong, Hart. Visitors—Bros. Weatherhead, Pulley, Browne, Hurley, Ivey, Stransom, W. Ferguson, all of 1101, Tench 1225, Watts 1533. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Henry Edward Langley Grant, merchant, of Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa, who was delared to be elected, and who was waiting in the convenient room adjoining the Lodge to be prepared for initiation; the candidate is a gentleman of colour, and much curiosity was manifested by the brethren to witness what had never before been seen in the Masonic Hall, Reading; it appears the candidate had been educated at Mr. White's School, Richmond House, Reading, and from the manner of his responding to the various promptings it is evident his education has been of a superior character. He passed through the ordeal of initiation with great fortitude, evidently impressed with the beautiful ceremony, which the Worshipful Master admirably performed. The Charge was given by the I.P.M. Bro. Oades, in his usual correct manner. The Prov. Grand Secretary called the attention of the Lodge to a petition from the promoters of a new Lodge, to be called the Wellesley, at Wellington College, for a Warrant of Constitution from Grand Lodge; it was unanimously decided to recommend the same, and it was signed by the Master and Wardens. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year took place, and resulted in Bro. C. Stephens S.W. Prov. Grand Treasurer Berks and Bucks being elected. Bro. Pocock P.M. was re-elected Treasurer and Almoner, and Bro. Hemmings re-elected Tyler. After the usual ceremonies the Lodge was closed according to ancient form.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No 554.—At the Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney, E., on the 21st ult. Bros. E. W. Walter W.M., Anderson S.W., Loane J.W., J. Taylor S.D., J. R. Shingfield I.G., J. J. Berry P.M. Preceptor, W. Cross Secretary; also Bros. Hawes, Stephens, Andrews, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of two previous meetings were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the questions having been satisfactorily answered by Bro. Hawes, he was entrusted, and Lodge was opened in the third degree. The ceremony of raising was carefully rehearsed, Bro. Hawes candidate. Lodge was lowered, and the ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Hawes again being the candidate. In working these two ceremonies consecutively, Bro. Walter gave an earnest of the style of working he is prepared to adopt in the mother Lodge of which he is the elected Master. The W.M. was again appointed to occupy the chair on the 28th inst. Arrangements were made for working the Fifteen Sections here, on the 18th January. Bro. J. Andrews 1227 will preside on that occasion. Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the Star and Garter, Kew-bridge, on Friday, 17th December. Bros. Monson W.M., F. Botley S.W., Gomm J.W., C. E. Botley S.D., Blasby J.D., Lees I.G., Roe P.M. Preceptor, Goss P.M., Gunner Hon. Sec., Kent, Lees. Lodge was opened and minutes of last meeting read and signed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Kent as the candidate. Bro. Lees answered the questions leading to second degree. Dues were collected. Bro. F. Botley was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting, which will take place on the 7th January. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Monson for his conduct of the business. It was agreed that in future the chair be taken punctually at 8.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on 21st ult. Bros. Christian W.M., Polak S.W., Clark J.W., Dignam S.D., Smyth J.D., Edwards I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, C. Lorkin, Larter, Brasted, Morling, Webb. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Morling being a candidate for raising was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Morling was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the W.M. giving the traditional history. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree, Bro. Brasted was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. In accordance with usual custom, the brethren voted one guinea towards the Old People's Christmas Festival, which sum Bro. P.M. Wallington, with the assistance of the brethren, made up to £3 3s. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

St. John of Wapping Lodge, No. 1306.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., on the 1st inst. The Lodge is now comfortably established at the above address, where the requirements and convenience of the members are thoroughly attended to by Bros. Kingston and Fromm, whose experience in such matters is evidently great. That the members appreciate the change may be gathered from the hearty vote of thanks accorded, at the meeting in October, to the W.M. and brethren who formed the Removal Committee, for their unremitting exertions in effecting the transfer of the Lodge from Wapping to its present convenient and accessible quarters. Lodge was opened with great promptitude by the W.M., who was supported by the following Officers and brethren:—Bro. T. Wooding kindly acted as S.W., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Magrath S.W.; Bro. Horsley in like manner officiated as J.W. The Deaconry secured capital working at the hands of Bro. T. J. Tyers J.D., who was assisted by Bros. Clements and Couture. Bro. Twinn again acted as I.G. The P.M.'s present were Bros. W. H. Hayward I.P.M., Beck Treas., Dawson, and Coleman, the genial Organist of the Lodge. The Visitors were Bros. How 141, J. Shepherd P.M. 1349, T. Loane 1421, and G. H. Stephens J.D. 1623. Bro. Whatling, who was to have been raised to the sublime degree, was unable to be present whilst Lodge was working. After confirmation of the minutes and other routine work, the remaining business, consisting of the passing of Bros. T. Phillips, T. Morris and C. East to the Fellow Craft degree, was performed, the working being capitally done, proving that the brethren, most of whom were performing duties higher than they were appointed to in the Lodge, are already proficient for preferment. The brethren were now called off, for a somewhat protracted period, and upon being called on again, the usual hearty greetings were given, and Lodge was closed. The brethren then sat down to a sumptuous repast which, whilst it contrasted with the good cheer provided on former occasions, served to demonstrate the capabilities of the establishment to provide anything, from a *récherché* banquet to a Welsh rarebit, at short notice, with equal satisfaction. The first toast given after the cloth was cleared was Loyalty to the Throne and Prosperity to the Craft, which was enthusiastically received. Bro. Dawson Past Master gave the toast of the W.M., which was heartily received and duly responded to. In toasting the P.M.'s, the W.M. briefly commented upon the various services which those brethren had rendered to the Lodge. Bro. Dawson had always been pleased to support the chair on all occasions. Bro. Beck, the Treasurer, was too well known to make any comment necessary, whilst Bro. Hayward, the I.P.M., not only took a deep interest in the Lodge, but came a distance of two hundred miles to discharge his duties, while Bro. Coleman was always present to render his services to the Lodge as Organist. The toast of the "Host" was also well received, after the replies of the P.M.'s, and suitably acknowledged. In giving the toast of the Visitors, the W.M. assured those brethren the St. John of Wapping Lodge was always pleased to extend a hearty welcome to them. The Visitors present had honoured the Lodge before. In fact, one of the body actually thought Bro. How to be a member. However, they were all heartily welcome, and the brethren, on the invitation of the W.M., gave them a hearty "fire." The Visitors having each responded in suitable terms, the Officers were complimented, their proficiency in Masonic working in the Lodge being dwelt upon as a consequence of the known assiduous attendance at Lodges of Instruction which they all display. Bro. Wooding having responded for the S.W., Bro. Horsley spoke in praise of the working of his brother Officers, and presaged a capital future. Bros. Tyer, Couture, Holdom, Clements, Twinn, &c., also expressed their thanks, and after some singing, the brethren separated in peace and harmony. Bro. Coleman again contributed to this latter feature in his happiest manner, and the songs as a rule were new to the brethren, so that the charm of novelty will perhaps account for the free and jovial nature of the after-dinner proceedings. Besides the brethren mentioned, there were present Bros. Phillips, East, Morris, Hodgson, Blaney, and Parsons.

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Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554.—At the regular meeting, on Tuesday, 28th ult., at Bro. A. Walter's, Green Dragon, Stepney, E., Bro. Dr. Thomas Loane officiated as W.M., and was supported by Bros. W. Cross (Sec.) as S.W., Lax J.W., J. Andrews P.M. Acting Preceptor, J. Taylor Deacon, J. R. Shingfield I.G.; also Bros. Anderson, Stephens, Clark, &c. Lodge having been duly opened, after preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was most ably worked, Bro. Shingfield candidate. The W.M. next proceeded to work the first section of the lecture, afterwards calling upon Bro. Andrews to work the second, third, and fourth sections, the brethren assisting. Bro. H. Clark, United Mariners' Lodge, No. 30, was unanimously elected a member of the Lodge, and returned thanks. Bro. Walter was re-elected to the chair for the ensuing meeting. The next business transacted was of a very pleasing nature, viz., the conferring upon the W.M. Bro. T. Loane a cordial vote of thanks for the skilful and able manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. for the first time in this Lodge. This having been done in a hearty manner, Bro. Loane expressed his appreciation of this mark of esteem, and trusted he should, by continuing to work as hard as he had done during the last fourteen months, be enabled to give them satisfaction on many similar occasions. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned till the first Tuesday in January.

We are glad to note the steady improvement in the attendance which has taken place during the last few months. Brethren seeking instruction will find the Yarborough Lodge a capital means of obtaining it, combined with all the comforts of a well-appointed Lodge-room. The Fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge in January by Bro. J. Andrews P.M. 1227. Particulars will be duly announced, and, from the names already promised, a capital rendering may be relied upon.

King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—On the 26th inst., at Bro. Devine's, Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square. Bro. F. Silvester W.M., L. Jacobs S.W., B. Kauffman J.W., Devine Treas., L. Solomon Sec., Solomon S.D., Davis J.D., N. Vallentine I.G., Hemming Preceptor, and Bros. C. Josephs, J. Edwards, H. M. Levy, H. L. Phillips, &c. After preliminaries the first section of the first lecture was worked, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. H. L. Phillips candidate. The second section of the second lecture was worked by the brethren, who were ably assisted by Bro. Hemming. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Edwards acting as candidate. Bro. L. Jacobs was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

The Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, will remove from the Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, to the Duke of Cambridge, 216 Bridge-road, Battersea Park, five minutes' walk from Battersea Station, three minutes' walk from the Prince's Head. The latter establishment has been purchased by Bro. J. Wright, owing to the Prince's Head being pulled down for improvements. The ceremony of installation will be worked on the 4th of January 1881, being the first night of meeting in the new establishment, on which occasion Bro. Radcliffe, W.M. of St. Michael's, 211, has consented to rehearse the ceremony. It is intended, after the business of the Lodge, to present a purse of money, as a testimonial, to the late Preceptor Bro. King, as a token of the regard and esteem in which he is held by the brethren of this Lodge of Instruction.

JAMAICA.

United Service Lodge, No. 1873.—Was consecrated at the Masonic Hall, 57 Hanover-street, Kingston, on the 6th December, by R.W. Bro. Altamont de Cordova Deputy District G. Master in charge of the district, assisted by the Grand Wardens, Bros. J. L. Asbenheim and C. W. Tait, and the District Grand Secretary Bro. G. C. H. Lewis. The W.M. designate Commander A. W. Warry, R.N., was then installed in the chair of K.S., and appointed his Officers as follow:—Deputy Commissary Pearson as P.M., Captain W. Marvin as S.W., Dr. M. P. Cormac McCormac as J.W., F. S. Sanguinetti as S.D., J. A. Harvey as J.D., Lieut. A. R. Hampton 2nd W. I. Regiment, as I.G., George Magnus as Tyler, Captain T. Bell as Treasurer, J. Lucie-Smith as Secretary, the Rev. Dr. H. Croskery as Chaplain, A. H. Jones as Organist, Lieut. Hastings, R.N., as Steward, and Captain Coward as Director of Ceremonies. Bros. A. de Cordova, the Hon. J. C. Mackglashan, C. W. Tait, W. Lee Mudon, John Harris, Moses Delgado, Captain Karl H. A. Mainwaring R.N., and J. H. de Pass were elected as Honorary Members. Bro. de Pass presented to set of jewels for the use of the Lodge, which formerly belonged to the Lodge of Harmony. The following brethren were elected as joining members:—A. H. Alexander J.P., Inspector Lindesay Crosbie J.C., Thomas G. Dundas Broughton J.P., Captain Richard Bingham 2nd W. I. Regiment, E. Sangninetti, and Lieut. Percy O'Brien 1st W. I. Regiment. Hearty good wishes were offered for the prosperity of the new Lodge by the District Grand Lodge, and the Royal, Friendly, and Sussex Lodges. Lieut. J. W. H. Harwood 2nd W. I. Regiment, and Deputy Assistant Commissary General Whitehead were proposed as candidates for initiation. The formation of the Lodge originated with the late Bro. T. Nicholson P.M., 1st W. I. Regiment, and since his lamented death the work of organisation has been carried on by Bro. Captain W. Portlock Dadson P.M., P. District Grand Deacon, and the Lodge opens with nearly thirty members on its roll. It will meet on the first Tuesday in the months of February, April, June, August, October and December.

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SOUTH AFRICA.

Peace and Harmony Lodge.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 24th November, at Du Toits Pan, Diamond Fields, South Africa. Present:—Charles Roberts W.M., D. Van Ulsen D.M., B. Klisser S.W., J. B. King J.W., E. Isaacs Hon. Sec., A. Yockmonitz Treas., Jno. Sonbeek Orator, E. Garisch M.C., D. Avis Amb., A. J. Wolhuter Alm., W. Kuipers Arch. and Steward, H. N. Campbell acting I.G., S. W. Green Tyler; also Bros. R. C. Partridge, W. H. Vilgeon, J. Creewel, C. J. Barnes, J. Sonnenburg, C. Aburron. Visitors—Bros. David Harris, P. Tallerman, C. Allen, M. Ettling, C. La Rine, and about ten others. Lodge opened in 1st degree, when the W.M. stated that as there was so much work before the Lodge, he had convened this emergency meeting for the purpose of raising Bros. Creewel and Barnes. Lodge was then passed to second degree, when the candidates, after answering the necessary questions in a manner which proved to the brethren that they had made considerable progress in the science, retired. Lodge was raised to the third degree, when the candidates re-entered the Temple and were duly raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by the W.M., in a most solemn manner. The labours being ended in that degree, the Lodge was reduced to the first. The W.M. thanked the Visitors for their attendance, and, commenting in praiseworthy terms on the fraternal feeling that existed between the brethren at the Diamond Fields, once more he thanked them on behalf of the Peace and Harmony Lodge for their attendance, at the same time assuring them of a hearty welcome on next Lodge night (1st Dec.), when there would be a candidate for initiation. Bro. David Harris (Charles Warren Lodge) thanked the Lodge for the welcome the Visitors had received, complimented the W.M. on his working, and wished the Lodge prosperity and success. Lodge was then closed.

On Wednesday, 1st December. Officers present—Bros. C. Roberts W.M., D. Van Ulsen D.M., B. Klisser S.W., J. B. King J.W., E. Isaacs Hon. Sec., A. Yockmonitz Treasurer, D. Avis Amb., W. Kuipers Arch. and Steward, H. W. Campbell acting I.G., S. W. Green Tyler. Visitors—Bros. P. Tallerman (Richard Giddy Lodge), E. Wells, W. F. Richardson, Jas. W. Marshall (Athole), A. McDonald (Caledonian 354), G. A. Ettling (Unie Bloemfontein), G. A. Dowling, John Foote (724 Derby); and several others. After preliminaries, a letter was read from D.D.G.M. Griqualand, soliciting assistance on behalf of Rev. Bro. E. W. Stenson, who is at present serving as Chaplain to the field force now in Basutoland. While ministering to the wants and comforts of the sick, wounded, and dying, the enemy carried off all the property he had in the world. After the letter had been read, it was resolved to contribute £10 out of the Poor Fund of the Lodge, and the collection made for the evening to be added. An application was read from Mr. Arthur Bainbridge to become a Freemason, and Bro. Alfred Farr (Lodge Meltham, No. 1205, Devon) was proposed as a joining member. After some accounts were passed for payment, Mr. William Herbert Lomas, the candidate for initiation, was introduced and duly initiated into the mysteries of our Order by the W.M. Bro. D.M. gave the Charge. The W.M. reminded the brethren that the collection for the evening was voted to our distressed Bro. Rev. E. W. Stenson. Bro. Almoner went on his journey, and returned with a very handsome amount. The Visitors were thanked for their attendance. Hearty good wishes were expressed, the Lodge was then closed, and the brethren departed in peace and harmony.

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

THERE was a meeting of the Committee appointed to carry out the details of the Concert in aid of the above Institution at the Huyshe Masonic Temple on Thursday, 23rd ult. There was a large attendance, and it was arranged that the official programme should be advertised early in January. The date will be the 26th January. The list of patrons is large, and the brethren may hope to welcome their esteemed P.G. Master Viscount Ebrington on the occasion.

It is probable that on the 27th January there will be held a special Provincial Grand Lodge of the Province of Devon. It will be held at Torrington for the purpose of consecrating the new Lodge Torridge, a Warrant for which has been granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The Committee of Petitions for the Province will be held at the same time and place, to consider petitions and elect the chairman and officers.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

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OUR INSTITUTIONS.

WE published last week the usual brief particulars of the amounts contributed to our three Masonic Charities during the past year. The total represented the magnificent sum of £49,762 11s 5d, which, as compared with the £44,731 9s 3d raised in 1879, showed an increase of £5,031 2s 2d. We purpose now examining these particulars with some minuteness, so that our readers may be in a better position to judge for themselves what was done, and the better understand to what, if any, cause the differences in the incomes of the several Institutions are attributable.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, as first in the order of priority, as a matter of course, has the first claim on our attention. Under the head of "Donations and Subscriptions" is entered the sum of £14,726 8s 11d, but large as this sum is, there are other amounts received by the School during the year, which, if they are to be placed in any category at all, must be looked upon as "Donations." There is, firstly, the Bentley Shaw memorial of one thousand guineas (£1,050), raised by West Yorkshire for the purpose of commemorating in perpetuity the virtues and Masonic services of the late Bro. Bentley Shaw, who for so many years was Deputy Grand Master of the Province, and who, from 1875 till his death, was likewise its Provincial Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry. Then the Special Vote of £300 by the Supreme Grand Chapter, and the Legacy of £100, cannot be deemed otherwise than gifts. Therefore, superadding these three amounts to the £14,726 8s 11d, we have a total of £16,176 8s 11d to represent the "Donations and Subscriptions" to the Girls' School in 1880. The Permanent Income in the shape of Dividends was £1,245, to which must be added the Annual Grants by Grand Lodge (£150) and Grand Chapter (£10 10s), making the permanent revenue £1,405 10s. These two sources of supply stand to each other in the ratio of about eleven and a half to one. The miscellaneous items amount to £205 12s, and swell the grand total for the year to £17,787 10s 11d.

Next in order is the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution with £16,301 4s. Here, again, the Donations and Subscriptions amounting to £13,200 8s 6d must be swelled to £13,600 8s 6d by the addition of the Special Grant (£300) by Supreme Grand Chapter, and the Legacy of £100. Taking the several sources of Permanent Income, we find they together reach £2,682 16s 4d, made up of Dividends and interest £1,732 16s 4d, and Annual Grants by Grand Lodge (£800) and Grand Chapter (£150). Miscellaneous items are insignificant, being only £18. Comparing the Donations with the fixed income, we find the former is to the latter in the ratio of about five to one.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys brings up the rear with £15,673 15s 8d. Of this amount £14,318 8s 5d are set down as Donations and Subscriptions. To this add the Legacy of £100 and the Special Grant of Grand Chapter (£300), together with £357 for purchased admissions, and we arrive at a total under this head of £15,075 8s 5d. The Permanent Income is very limited, consisting of the Grand Lodge Annual Grant of £150, the Grand Chapter Grant of £10 10s, and Dividends £381 10s 9d, making a total together of £542 0s 9d. The miscellaneous items reach £56 6s 6d.

If we now compare our several Institutions one with another as regards these three different heads of revenue, we arrive at the following results. In respect of Donations and Subscriptions, the Girls' School stands first, with 16,176 8s 11d. Next in order is the Boys' School, with £15,075 8s 5d, and last, the Benevolent, with £13,600 8s 6d. In respect of Permanent Income, the Benevolent Institution is a long way in front, with the sum of £2,682 16s 4d, the Girls' School following with £1,405 10s, and then the Boys' School, with £542 0s 9d. In Miscellaneous, the Girls' School is first, with £205 12s; the Boys' School second, with £56 6s 6d, and the Benevolent third, with £18. It results from this that, while the Girls' School met with the largest amount of support last year, its Permanent Income is little more than one-half of that of the Benevolent, while it is rather more than double that of the Boys' School. The Boys' School, with the next largest share of donations, is most wofully behind in respect of Permanent Income. As, indeed, our readers are well aware, it is only in consequence of the brilliant success of last year, that it has been enabled to raise the amount of its investments somewhat beyond the figure they stood at when it was resolved on erecting the present School, and the whole of its funded property was sold out in order that it might form the nucleus of the fund to be raised for building. It has now invested exactly £15,000 stock which, at the average rate of four per cent., gives £600 a year, the difference between which sum and that actually received in 1880 being accounted for by the fact that, from the latest investment having been made within the last six months, the Institution cannot as yet have derived any benefit from the providence of its rulers. The Subscriptions, &c., stand to its Permanent Income—as indicated by the receipts for 1880—in the ratio of about twenty-seven to one; or, if we take the full amount at £600, at about twenty to one, as compared with the eleven and a half to one of the Girls' School, and five to one of the Benevolent. In other words, the Benevolent is about four times, and the Girls' School not far short of twice, as well off, in the important source of income, as the Boys' School. No doubt, in the course of years, these differences will be lessened; but for some time to come it will behove the Craft generally to bear this fact in consideration. There is one other point to which we feel justified in drawing attention. The Benevolent receives annually from Grand Lodge £800, and Grand Chapter £150; or, together £950; while each of the Schools receives only £150 from the former and £10 10s from the latter. The Benevolent, therefore, receives nearly three times as much from these bodies as the Boys' and Girls' Schools taken together. We are speaking from memory, but we believe we are correct in saying that the grant of £150 per annum to each School was fixed as a kind of annual composition in lieu of half-a-crown per head for each gentleman initiated into Freemasonry in the year. This plan was adopted in 1839, when the average annual number of initiates must have been at the very outside 1,200. Now, at the Masonic banquet given by ex-Lord Mayor, Sir F. W. Truscott G.J.W., His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales G.M., in speaking of the amazing progress of Freemasonry during these latter years, mentioned in illustration of his point that about 10,000 gentlemen were annually received into the Fraternity. Thus, if the old half-crown payment per initiate were now in force, each of the Schools would receive about £1,250 a year, or eight and one-third times as much as it actually receives. Now, we do not wish to see any one of our Institutions too liberally patronised by Grand Lodge at the expense of the others, but it

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strikes us as being only reasonable it should treat all three of them with equal liberality. We can well understand Grand Lodge should have given more largely to the Benevolent till within the last few years, for was it not mainly established by Grand Lodge itself? But there is no sufficient or satisfactory reason now why all three should not receive an equal measure of support from both Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. All three would then fare about equally well in respect of Permanent Income.

We will only carry our examination one step further. The Boys' School Festival last year was the most productive, and yielded over £14,000. The Girls' School stood next with about £13,800, and then came the Benevolent Institution with over £12,000. Thus of the total Subscriptions, &c., of, in round figures, £44,500, quite £40,000 were contributed at the Festivals. Other £1,200 comprise the Special Grants of £300 each by Grand Chapter and the three Legacies of £100 each. The Bentley Shaw Memorial accounts for £1,050, and Purchased Admissions for £357. Adding these together we get a total of £2,607, which leaves about £1,900 as representing the subscriptions sent in apart from the Festivals, and the greater portion of this would appear to have gone into the coffers of the Benevolent and Girls' School. What, if any, amount of promised subscriptions remains still outstanding at the end of the year we have no means of determining. We should imagine that, as the Boys' School Festival was the last of the three that was held, the bulk of what may yet have have to be received will have be credited to that Institution. We will conclude by expressing a hope that as the aggregate of 1880 exceeded by £5,000 and upwards that of 1879, so the results of the year we have just entered upon may be even more satisfactory still.

BRO. BINCKES AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

WE note with a great deal of pleasure that at the Quarterly General Court of the Boys' School, to be held on Monday, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart will submit a motion, of which he has given due notice, and which reads as follows: "That to commemorate the twenty years' services of the Secretary, Bro. Binckes, and in recognition of the ability shown by him during that period, and also with regard to the success achieved by his exertions, he be granted a gratuity of £200 out of the Funds of the Institution." Such a motion as this cannot be too highly commended. Bro. Binckes has never missed an opportunity of doing what lay in his power to advance the interests of the Institution with whose fortunes his name has been so long and so intimately associated. We are far from being desirous of over-praising any brother's services to Freemasonry. Such a course would be likely to do him a dis-service. We do, however, take upon ourselves to say, emphatically and without reservation of any kind, that it is well-nigh impossible to form anything like a correct estimate of the benefits which Bro. Binckes has, during the last twenty years, been enabled to render to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, through his indomitable energy, his thorough knowledge of official business, his tact, ability, and persuasive oratory, his ready mastery of the smallest detail, and his power of grasping at once and, as it were, by intuition, the general bearings of every subject that was submitted to him. He has been described in these columns, not without reason, as "Our Hercules," and, in very truth, his labours have been herculean in their nature. He has never spared himself, never given a thought to his own personal comfort and convenience when it was a question of promoting the interests of the School. Possessing abilities of a high order, as well as powers of speech such as few among us can lay any pretensions to, he has worked, in season and out of season, in the Metropolis and in the Provinces, indeed, whenever and wherever he thought a word or a deed of his would bring some benefit to "Our Boys." To him the Craft is indebted for the gradual investment of a sum exceeding in amount what was converted into solid sterling money at the time it was resolved to erect the present premises at Wood Green. To him we owe it chiefly that the School is now capable of housing, feeding, clothing, and educating considerably over 200 pupils. During the earlier years of his Secretaryship an annual Festival which yielded subscriptions amounting to £2,000 was deemed a great success. During the last five or six years the subscription lists on these occasions have ranged from £10,000 to £14,000, and there is no doubt his influence has been felt outside the immediate circle in which he has laboured so incessantly. He has devoted the best years of his life, and during those years all the time and care and labour he was capable of bestowing, to his official duties. And no more appropriate time could have been selected by the Governors and Subscribers of the Boys' School for exhibiting their grateful sense of the obligations they are under to him for his valuable services than the present. As we have already said, the modest store of money which years ago was expended in the erection of the School has just been more than replaced. Many perhaps may suggest that, having regard to the magnitude of the task he has fulfilled, the proposed amount of the gratuity is insignificant. We do not think so, for the reason that we have no faith in an exact adjustment, if such were possible, between the recognition of a service and the service that is recognised. From our knowledge of the man, we believe that what Bro. Binckes will most deeply appreciate is the *act* of recognition, its completeness, and the heartiness with which, as we anticipate, it will be granted. Herein lies all that is valuable about a vote of approval, when it relates to a man's conduct in any capacity. The amount of an honorarium is purely of secondary consideration. Yet the amount of the proposed gift will make a worthy donation, worthy alike of Bro. Binckes and of the School in whose name and on whose behalf it is presented. May Bro. Binckes have many more years of equally successful labour before him; and if ever declining years and health necessitate his retirement, may he, in his time of rest, enjoy, as he now enjoys, the esteem and respect of all his fellow Masons!

MR. FRANK BUCKLAND'S LAST WORDS TO THE PUBLIC.

WE need make no apology for quoting from the pages of *Land and Water* for last week the concluding paragraphs of the late Frank Buckland's Preface to the new edition, now being issued by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, of his well known work, "The Natural History of British Fishes." As to the circumstances under which the said Preface was written, the Editor of our esteemed contemporary writes:—

"We can ourselves vouch for the fact that this preface was composed during the sleepless and suffering nights of the last few weeks, when Mr. Buckland, unable to lie down in bed, had to sit upright, his head resting on a table in front of him. This was the only position in which he could breathe, and even then each breath was a struggle. When morning came, he sent for Mr. Searle, his Secretary, and gasping out each word separately in a whisper, dictated the last pages with great effort. As will be seen by the date, he concluded the correction of the proofs two days before he died, when each hour it was supposed would be his last. Truly, as those standing round him remarked, this was a triumph of mind over body. We think the public, for whom he laboured so faithfully, will value these last few words, when they reflect under what conditions they were composed and dictated."

The following are the paragraphs:—

"I have another object in writing this book; it is to endeavour to show the truth of the good old doctrines of the Bridgwater Treatises, which have so ably demonstrated the '*power, wisdom, and goodness of God, as manifested in the Creation.*'

Of late years, the doctrines of so-called 'Evolution' and 'Development' have seemingly gained ground amongst those interested in natural history; but I have too much faith in the good sense and natural acumen of my fellow countrymen to think that these tenets will be very long lived.

To put matters very straight, I stedfastly believe that the Great Creator, as indeed we are directly told, made all things perfect and 'Very Good' from the beginning; perfect and very good every created thing is now found to be, and will so continue to the end of time.

I am very willing to prove my case by holding a court at any time or place, before any number of people of any class. I would empanel a jury of the most eminent and skilful railway and mechanical engineers, while the only witnesses I should call would be the fish fresh from the deep sea trawler, the City fish market, or the fishmonger's slab. I would adduce from them evidence of 'design, beauty, and order,' as evinced in such as the electric organs of the torpedo—the gun-lock spine of the file-fish—the water reservoirs and spectacles of the eel—the teeth of the gilthead, bream, and throat-teeth of the carp, bream, &c.—the anchor of the lumpsucker and remora—the colouring of the perch and bleak—the icthyophagous teeth of the pike, shark, and silvery hairtail—the tail of the fox shark—the prehensile lips of the dory and sprat—the nose of the barbel and dog-fish—the resplendence of the Arctic gymnetrus and

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scabbard fish—the dagger is the tail of the sting ray—the nest of the sticklebaek—the armour plates of the sturgeon—the nostril, breathing powers, and store of fat in the salmon—migrations of the salmon, herring, pilchard, sprat, and mackerel, &c.—and, above all, the enormous fertility of fishes useful as food to the human race.

I am satisfied that I should obtain a verdict in favour of my view of the case, namely, that in all these wonderful contrivances, there exists evidence of design and forethought, and a wondrous adaptation of means to an end. A full acknowledgment must necessarily follow that these were due to the immediate creation of 'the Lord and Giver of Life.'

This is a school open to all; there is never any lack of subjects, no fees to pay; all that is required is a sharp knife, sharp scissors, and painstaking observation; while the mind will reap its reward in the pleasures of original investigation.

I trust that these observations may lead many of my fellow countrymen to see how far inferior the so-called works of human art are to the works of Creation; and, finally, let me assure them that they will find in the structure of animals—whether living in the waters or on the land—most perfect contrivances and artistic designs, not made by the hands of man, but by the Great Artificer who made man himself."

The Preface bears date the 17th, as Frank Buckland died on the 19th December 1880.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. MAGNUS OHREN.

ON Friday, 24th December, an interesting ceremonial took place in connection with the Crystal Palace District Gas Company, Lower Sydenham—namely, the presentation to the Secretary, Bro. Magnus Ohren, by the officers and workmen, of a testimonial in commemoration of what was happily termed his silver wedding (his twenty-fifth year of office) with the Company. The presentation was made in the van-shed, the only available place under cover extensive enough for the purpose, and where the men assembled in large numbers in front of three vans, which formed an extemporized platform for the speakers and the officers of the Company.

Mr. C. Gandon, the Resident Engineer, addressing Bro. Ohren, said:—"A very agreeable duty has devolved upon me this evening, having been requested, on behalf of those present, and of all the *employés* of the Company, to offer you our sincere and hearty congratulations upon the completion of what must be an interesting period of your connection with the Company, this being the twenty-fifth anniversary of your holding the office of Secretary. During the whole of this long period you have earned the esteem and respect of all with whom you have been associated. I do not know whether I should be right in referring to this period as your silver wedding, for it is not always agreeable to be reminded that one is getting older every day; but it must be a matter of congratulation not only to yourself, but to all concerned, to know that your long association with the Company has been a successful one, as is evidenced by the fact that the Company has risen from very small beginnings to its present state of great prosperity. It is the belief of all of us that you have studied, in every possible way, to promote the welfare and comfort of the *employés*. To you they are indebted for the many little acts of kindness which have been shown to them by you on behalf of the Directors of the Company—I refer especially to their pleasant summer outings, and also to another little interesting ceremony that is about to take place. I have been asked by them to express their cordial thanks to you for all your kindness, and to request you to accept these testimonials of their esteem. The gifts have been subscribed for by the officers and men, and consist of a handsome massive silver loving cup,* which I now present to you, and a diamond ring, that will remind you of this, your silver wedding. I think I need scarcely add more; the inscription shortly expresses the feelings of all, and I have merely to ask you to accept this testimonial, wishing you "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," and trusting that you may long be spared to remain with us in your present position. We all most cordially wish health and happiness to yourself, Mrs. Ohren, and your family."

Bro. Ohren said:—"Brother Officers and Brother Workmen, for we are all workers in this great hive—and that we work together in goodwill and harmony is fully shown by the object which now brings us together—I feel that I should commence any remarks I may have to make by stating that this is the happiest moment of my life, and that I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I cannot, however, say this without reservation, for I feel that I ought to scold you for the too great zeal you have evinced in my favour. The first intimation I had that a presentation would be made to me, was from the Chairman of the Testimonial Committee. The Committee thought that it would be best that, of the several things which they considered would form an acceptable present, I should be asked to make a selection. I need not say that when the amount of money collected was mentioned, I felt that I could not possibly accept so valuable a testimonial, and I desired that it might be reduced one-half. This, however, I was told could not be, since the money was not only subscribed, but paid, and in the hands of the Treasurer. But I felt that I really ought to take the opportunity of scolding you for the extravagant manner in which you had responded to the call made upon you, and I can only forgive you on one condition. As Mr. Gandon has said, I look upon this as my silver wedding to the Company, and the condition I impose is this—that in twenty-five years time at my golden wedding, you shall be less lavish with your money in presenting your testimonial. Now, as that is off my mind, I may turn to the more legitimate way of recognizing such an event, and express my debt of gratitude to you for this lasting proof of your esteem and regard. Twenty-five years ago this day I took charge of these works. I say these works, although they were very different from the present works. At that time we had in use four beds of retorts, and were carbonizing 10 tons of coal per day. We have now 50 double or through beds of retorts, more than equal in size to 100 of the old beds, and we are carbonising 237 tons of coal per day. At that time we had five stokers and a total of eight constant men; we have now 84 stokers and a total on our pay-sheet to-day of 343 men and boys. We then had one gasholder to contain 110,000 cubic feet of gas; we have now five, having a capacity of 2,430,000 feet. We then had 500 customers; now we have 8,500. You may imagine what Sydenham was at that time. It was first lighted by the Sydenham Gas Company in September 1852. The works were very small, and, in fact, Lower Sydenham was rather out of the world. Let me give you an idea of its remoteness from London. The London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway had then only been a few years in existence. One of our service layers required a pick, and was anxious that it should be of a certain weight and size. I told him he might go to the Borough and choose one or two for himself. "The Borough?" said he. "Where is that?" I told him it was a short way from London Bridge, and that if, when he got out of the train, he turned round to the left, he would soon come to the place. "Why," said the man, "That is in London. Oh! I should not like to go there, Sir, because I might lose myself." I told him that if he had never been to London he should have the opportunity then; but he nearly cried to think of going—in fact, he would not go, and I had to send some one else. In the Spring of 1854 the Crystal Palace District Gas Company took a lease of the Sydenham Gas Works. The Crystal Palace was commenced at Sydenham in 1852, and was opened in 1854, and from that time our works began to grow. The Metropolitan Board of Works were constituted about this time—in August 1855—and the Board and Vestries were commencing their duties with vigour: but it was not till long afterwards that we had lamps in this district. For a considerable time I had to walk home from the office to the Railway Station with a lantern. I used to leave it at the station at night, and bring it down with me on my return in the morning. There were ditches on each side of the road, and travellers were rare. All our roads are now lighted, and there are at present about 2,000 lamps in the Company's district. Thus we have grown, and to-day we are one of the most successful gas companies in England. I must conclude by again thanking you for these beautiful articles you have given to me. The cup, when in use in winter or summer, will bring to mind the many days we have passed so pleasantly together, and I shall never look upon the ring without thinking of the great pleasure I have experienced this night, and I again thank you, not from the bottom of my heart, but with my whole heart.—*Journal of Gas Lighting.*

* The cup, of beautiful workmanship, seventeenth century style, and weighing 72 oz. bears the following inscription:—

This Cup, together with a Diamond Ring,
was presented, on 24th December 1880,
to
MAGNUS OHREN, Esq., Assoc. M. Inst. C.E.; F. Chem. S.,
by the Officers and Workmen of the
Crystal Palace District Gas Company,
in commemoration of the completion, this day, of his 25th year of office
as Secretary of the Company,
and in testimony of their appreciation of his uniform kindness
and interest in their welfare during the whole of that long period.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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DRURY LANE.—At 7.0, FARCE. At 7.45, MOTHER GOOSE. Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 2.0 also.
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PRINCESS'S.—At 7.0, AN OLD MASTER. At 8.0, THE FOOL'S REVENGE.
STRAND.—At 7.30, A SUMMER CLOUD. At 8, OLIVETTE.
COURT.—At 8, ADRIENNE LECOUVREUR.
ST. JAMES'S.—THE MONEY SPINNER, AND A SHEEP IN WOLF'S CLOTHING.
LYCEUM.—At 7.45, THE CUP. At 9.30, THE CORSICAN BROTHERS.
ADELPHI.—At 7.15, THE ILLUSTRIOUS STRANGER. At 8, THE GREEN BUSHES.
GAIETY.—At 7.10, OPERETTA. At 7.30, LITTLE MOTHER. At 8.45, FORTY THIEVES.
GLOBE.—At 7.15, DUTCH METAL. At 8.30, LES MOUSQUETAIRES.
CRITERION.—At 8, UNCLE JOHN. At 8.45, WHERE'S THE CAT?
OPERA COMIQUE.—At 8, IN THE SULKS. At 8.45, THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE. At 2.30, H.M.S. PINAFORE.
VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, AULD ACQUAINTANCE. At 8.15, THE GUV'NOR.
FOLLY.—At 7.30, HESTER'S MYSTERY. 8.30, THE UPPER CRUST, &c.
PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.45, IN HONOUR BOUND. At 8.30, A NEW TRIAL.
ROYALTY.—At 7.30, BOW BELLS. At 9.30, DON JUAN JUNIOR.
IMPERIAL.—At 8, THE GOOSE WITH THE GOLDEN EGGS. At 8.45, BILLEE TAYLOR.
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MASONIC CHARITY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is unnecessary to say that your statement of the year's work for our Charities is exceedingly gratifying. Would it not have been as well to include the large sum voted to various cases by the Board of Benevolence, amounting, I suppose, to between £11,000 and £12,000. If to this we add the sums bestowed on casual relief by the Lodges, as well as Lodge subscriptions to local charities, the sum total would amount to something like £65,000 or £70,000.

Yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

[Our worthy correspondent is quite right in pointing out that the work done by our institutions is very far from being a complete account of what is done by Freemasonry in aiding indigent brethren, the widow, and the fatherless. The total incomes, from all sources, of our three Charities for the year 1880, as stated last week, amounted in the aggregate to £49,762 11s 5d. If to this we add the grants for the year made by the Lodge of Benevolence, which, as stated in the previous week, reached the sum of £9,223, we have a total of £58,985 11s 5d. We must further take into account the Benevolent organizations which exist in so many of our Provinces, such as those of the two Lancashires, Cheshire, Warwickshire, Cornwall, Devon, &c., &c. These have large accumulated funds, the interest on which is distributed annually in the relief of distress, or the education, maintenance, or advancement of the children of poor or deceased brethren. Very many Lodges have their own Benevolent Funds. There is hardly a Lodge at which, on the occasion of their different meetings, the charity box is not circulated, and most, if not all of them, in the course of the year freely give pecuniary help to worthy but distressed Masons. Lastly, there is the immense amount of casual relief bestowed by individual brethren, of which we hear nothing, for the kindly deeds are done in secret. If, then, we add the amounts thus distributed, which for obvious reasons are indeterminable, to the £58,985 stated above, we are inclined to the belief that even Bro. Whytehead's estimate of between £65,000 and £70,000 is considerably within the mark. Indeed, we do not think we should be exaggerating if we estimated the total at little short of £100,000. But even his idea of close on £70,000 speaks well for the good deeds of Freemasonry, and offers the grandest possible justification for its existence, as well as the most complete answer to those who go out of the way to abuse it.—ED. F.C.]

WITHDRAWAL OF VISITORS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is highly amusing to note the hubbub my letter on this subject has caused. Bro. John Constable is in a fit of indignation bordering on frenzy, just as he might have been had he been for the second time invited to retire while certain business which did not concern a stranger was being transacted. Bro. Gottheil, like an old-fashioned line-of-battle ship, is pounding away at the different Craft—Craft Principles, Craft Professions of Faith, Obligations, Craft Courtesy, and the like—by which for years past he has been surrounded, and knocking them, figuratively, into "cocked hats," all because I, the unfortunate, but "IRREPRESSIBLE TOMKINS," have had the hardihood to criticise certain conduct imputed, rightly or wrongly, to Bro. Constable during his sojourn some two years since in South Africa. Am I to blame, because in the year of grace 1878—which is only a couple of years less graceful than 1880—Bro. Constable, having been invited for certain reasons to retire for a short time from a Port Elizabeth Lodge—as other visitors, I presume, before him had been—quitted the said Lodge in high dudgeon, after having first refused the olive-branch of peace, held out to him by the Worshipful Master of the Lodge? Or, if the second is the correct account of the incident, is it my fault that Bro. Constable worked himself into a fever heat of indignation, because he was asked to leave the Lodge during the transaction of business "which did not concern a stranger?" Am I responsible for the revival of "a half-forgotten matter, of no very great importance to the high interests of the Craft?" And yet, writes Bro. Gottheil, when firing his first broadside at poor unhappy me, no one who has read "my waggishly signed" letter, "can fail to perceive that, in penning his remarks, the writer was clearly animated by an unfriendly, and by no means fraternal spirit." As if this were not terrible enough, he keeps on blazing away, and suggests that this "half-forgotten matter," which was mentioned "incidentally" in your reporter's account of the Tranquillity Lodge, "afforded" me "the opportunity of venting a probably long-suppressed anger upon the devoted head of a, most likely, *innocent* offender." I feel, after all this, that it is a most "unwarrantable proceeding" on my part to be still alive. Yet I am happy to say I still survive, and, with your permission, will take this opportunity of inquiring if Bro. Gottheil has ever heard of Logic and the ill-treatment it receives from those who argue from false premisses, who jump hastily to conclusions which nothing in the circumstances will warrant, who delight in the enunciation of fallacies, &c., &c.? Well, on the strength of a certain statement which appeared in your columns, the accuracy of which I was fully justified in assuming, I have had the audacity to criticise the conduct of a brother—it happened to be Bro. Constable, but I should have done the same had it been Bro. Anybody Else—as described in that instance. Forthwith appears on the scene Bro. Gottheil, who writes that it must be evident to all who have read my letter that it was written in "an unfriendly, and by no means fraternal spirit," and that it gave me the "opportunity of venting a probably long suppressed anger upon the devoted head of a, most likely *innocent* offender"—"innocent, be it remarked, is in italics, for the purpose, I presume, of giving increased force to the argument (?). This, no doubt, is very friendly and very fraternal towards the "*innocent* offender," but may I take the liberty of asking Bro. Gottheil, what has become of his logic? I must point out to him that my criticism was based on a statement of your reporter's, and I remarked that, if Bro. Constable did what he was said to have done, he acted very foolishly—"it was a silly exhibition of spleen on his part" were, I believe, the exact words I used. I went on to point out that at Lodge meetings, as at family gatherings, it was only natural that business of a private nature should occasionally come under consideration, and that it would be indelicate on the part of any mere visitor to insist on remaining during the discussion of such private business. I further hinted that, had I been Bro. Constable, I should have wished your reporter at Jericho rather than that he should have referred to what Bro. Gottheil himself has since described as "a half-forgotten matter, of no very great importance to the high interests of the Craft." Now, I ask you, Dear Sir and Brother, and your readers likewise, to bear with me while I describe these matters in brief, but in the regular order of their occurrence. A. B. C. (Bro. Reporter) describes an "incident" which occurred during the visit of D. E. F. (Bro. Constable) to a Port Elizabeth Lodge, the said D. E. F. being a member of a Lodge in England. G. H. K. (that is I, the much-abused "IRREPRESSIBLE TOMKINS"), with your kind permission, points out that if D. E. F. acted as he was described by A. B. C. to have acted, he was wrong. Thereupon, up jumps L.M.N. (Bro. Gottheil), who at once goes bounding about all over the field of illogical assertion, and deliberately affirms that G. H. K. wrote in a very unfriendly spirit, and had taken the opportunity of emptying the vials of a long bottled-up anger on the devoted head of the *innocent* D. E. F. May I ask Bro. Gottheil to point out where in this case is the *sequitur*? D. E. F. does something; A. B. C. reports his version of it, and G. H. K. criticises that version. *Ergo*, G. H. K.'s criticism is unfriendly, unfraternal, and neither more nor less than a furious outburst of long suppressed anger against D. E. F. Really, Bro. Gottheil, this is too absurd. I am sorry to say I have been obliged to laugh—and that, you know, was very rude on my part, was it not?—at what you, no doubt, honestly and honourably intended, in all sober seriousness, to be a most chivalrous defence of a "very *innocent* offender." Let me advise you, my Dear Sir and Brother, before you again venture into the arena of argument for the purpose of engaging in a conflict with an unknown brother, who is innocent of all offence towards you, as he is assuredly innocent of all offence towards him whose imputed conduct has caused all this row-di-dow; I say, let me advise you before you again so venture forth, to go home, or to the British Museum, or the nearest available library, and there renew your acquaintance with the works of the late Stuart Mill, Whateley, Aristotle, or some other logician of repute. Your native sense, thus refreshed and invigorated, will make you a most formidable champion, and your opponent will have some trouble and no little good fortune if he succeeds only in holding his own.

Passing over the second paragraph of Bro. Gottheil's letter—as it concerns the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, not me—I come to the third and last, in which I find myself described as an "atrocity," because, in criticising the conduct of a certain brother, as described by a certain reporter, I have adopted a pseudonym. Had I, under an assumed name, made a personal attack on Bro. Constable's character, had I maligned him, imputed to him evil motives, or wilfully distorted the facts of some incident in which he figured, I should merit the severe censure passed upon me by Bro. Gottheil. But I have merely criticised certain conduct of his as described by a reporter. I have said, and I repeat, that what he is alleged to have done was wrong, that his indignation was uncalled for, and looked more like "a silly exhibition of spleen" than anything else I could think of; and further, that the mention of it by your reporter was calculated to make him ridiculous in the sight of others. I said, and I repeat this, in the general, if not the "high," interests of the Craft; for if Lodges find there are brethren who insist on remaining in Lodge, even during the transaction or discussion of business which does not "concern a stranger," they will have no alternative but to give up receiving those brethren. When Dr. Oliver complained that there were Lodges which refused to admit visitors, I take it the only reasonable, indeed, the only possible explanation of his meaning is, that there were certain Lodges which resolutely set themselves against the admission of strange brethren—that is, members of other Lodges—and not against their refusal to receive them during the consideration of private business. But whatever may have been Dr. Oliver's meaning, it is manifestly of no moment who it is, whether A. or Z., who offers his criticism on a matter of general interest, just as in this instance it cannot possibly have affected the merits of the conduct that was criticised, whether it was that of Bro. John Constable or any other

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brother. Under these circumstances, and seeing that while my remarks were based on the conduct of a particular brother—who happened to be Bro. Constable, but who might, I say, have been any one else—they were necessarily general in their character and scope, I feel I was perfectly justified in writing under an assumed name.

A word as to Bro. Constable's letter of the 28th ult. He—shall I waggishly describe him as the Lord High Constable of English Masonry?—is "astounded" that I—the "IRREPRESSIBLE TOMKINS"—"should have been a party to so unwarrantable a proceeding." This, to adopt the phraseology of some peculiar people, is quite too awfully dreadful!! I have taken part in the "unwarrantable proceeding" of criticising certain conduct of his, which I believe to be wrong; as it was prominently referred to by an anonymous reporter in a public journal, I criticised it publicly in the columns of the same journal, and, having no personal feeling in the matter, I did so anonymously. Moreover, I have the honour to be one of the "friends" from whose malicious designs he so ardently prays to be delivered or preserved. This, I repeat, is quite too awfully dreadful; but is it not the funniest of funny things that Bro. Constable should assume and publicly parade a knowledge he cannot possibly possess? Far be it from me to say he is not above and beyond the reach of criticism, and that he, alone of Craftsmen, may do what none dare call in question; but were he, in truth, what I have described him in joke, the Lord High Constable of English Masons, he does not possess the power or the knowledge to penetrate the veil which conceals from the public the personal identity of,

Your faithful servant and brother,

THE IRREPRESSIBLE TOMKINS.

P.S.—Happy Thought!—to wish both Bro. Gottheil and Bro. Constable "A Happy New Year, and many of them." This I do with all the pleasure in the world.

THE CASE OF THE LAD COLLINGWOOD.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It will doubtless be in the remembrance of many of your readers that, at the last Quarterly Court of the Boys' School, a discussion arose concerning the eligibility of one of the candidates for election—viz., A. H. Collingwood. It had been previously stated publicly that the father of the candidate had left such an estate as to place his family beyond the need of any charitable aid, but although subsequent inquiry proved that the value of the estate had been erroneously stated, we have now to consider the statement laid before the brethren who attended the last meeting of the General Committee, viz., that in addition to other funds, a sum of £1063 10s is left invested with the proviso that the interest derived therefrom shall be applied to the education and maintenance of the said A. H. Collingwood, who on attaining the age of twenty-one years will be entitled to the capital sum. Under these circumstances I maintain that A. H. Collingwood, having a sufficient income to pay for his own maintenance and education ought not to be allowed to occupy a place in our Boys' School to the exclusion of another candidate who may formerly have been accustomed to domestic comfort, and may now be in a state of penury.

As a final decision in this case will have to be given at the Quarterly Court, which will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, at 4 p.m. on Monday, the 10th inst., I trust that those of your readers who may feel interested in this question will, if time permits, attend the Court, and exercise their right of voting.

I am, Dear Sir, yours faithfully,

A. E. G.

Obituary.

BRO. C. J. W. DAVIS.

IT is with very great regret we announce to our readers the death of Bro. C. J. W. Davis, at his residence, Oxford Villa, Cavershamroad, on Monday, after only a short illness. Bro. Davis leaves a wife and five children to mourn his loss, as well as a host of friends who esteemed him for his many sterling qualities. He was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in the Royal Union Lodge, No. 382, by Bro. Glaisher, who, at the time, occupied the chair of the Lodge. After filling various offices, he was in due course elected W. Master, and at the time of his decease was Treasurer and a Past Master of the Lodge. He was one of the founders of the Unity Lodge, No. 1637, and only retired from the chair in the course of last year. His merit had been still further recognised by the bestowal of Provincial honours, he being Prov. G.D.C. of Middlesex. He was a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Prudent Brethren Chapter, No. 145. He was likewise Treasurer, and took a deep interest in the well-being of the La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction. He had filled the office of Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, while his name was down, and, had his life been prolonged, he would have served as Steward at the Festival next ensuing of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He made no distinction between Masons and non-Masons in the diffusion of such aid as it was in his power to render. His funeral took place yesterday (Friday) at St. Marylebone Cemetery, East Finchley, there being a numerous gathering present of his relatives and friends, who were all anxious to pay their last tribute of respect to one so worthy. We offer our warmest sympathy to his family in their sore and sudden bereavement.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

LODGE OF LIGHTS, No. 148, WARRINGTON.

ON the 16th of October 1646, the first "gentleman" Mason was made at Warrington, in the person of Elias Ashmole, the author of the well-known "History of the Order of the Garter," and founder of the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford. It is a matter for great regret that the antient records of the Lodge are lost, and that the history of Freemasonry in Warrington cannot now be consecutively traced further back than 18th November 1765. However, it is our pleasure to place on record the fact that at no previous period of its history has the Lodge been in a better condition, both as to its work and Constitution, and St. John's Day 1880 will long be remembered as one of its brightest red-letter days. The principal business of the day was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. A. H. Young, M.B., F.R.C.S.E. &c., and the old Lodge exceeded itself in the *éclat* which characterised the whole proceedings. Punctually at three o'clock the Lodge was opened, the minutes read and confirmed, and Bro. Warner passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The W.M Bro. Charles E. Hindley then invited the senior member present, Bro. John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, to take the chair as Installing Master, and during the long and interesting ceremony he was assisted and supported by a large number of brethren, 20 of whom were P.M.'s. Among those who signed the Tyler's book, besides those named, were Bros. W. Sharp P.M. P.P.G.J.W., D. W. Finney P.M. P.P.G.D.C., W. Harrison P.M. P.G.D.C., J. Rymer Young P.M., Thomas Tunstall P.M., W. H. Robinson P.M., Thomas Sutton P.M., Jos. Pickthall P.M., John Harding P.M., John Armstrong P.M., J. B. Tomlinson P.M. 368, J. Schonstadt P.M. 1502, George Bailey P.M. 613, Thomas A. Collinson P.M. P.P.G.D.C., W. Richardson P.M. 1250, J. H. Galloway W.M. 1250, A. H. Young S.W. W.M. elect, James Paterson J.W., Thomas Grime S.D., Charles Skinner I.G., George F. Curzon, Thomas M. Pattison Organist, Christoph Ekkert, Thomas B. Carter, John Pierpoint P.W., R. W. Francomb, Captain Deacon, John Laithwaite P.W., W. Warner, S. E. Johnson, J. Paul Ryland, F.S.A., Thomas Robinson, John J. Thompson, Thomas Morris, A. Crawford, W. Burn, James Bayley, John Brown 1280, James W. Carlisle S.W. 1384, Edward Greenall jun. 1354, W. Robinson, Dr. Gornall, Dr. Mackie, Edward Howarth, W. Barton, and Thomas Domville Tyler. The W.M. elect was presented to the Installing Master by the W.M., Bro. Charles E. Hindley, and, the first part of the ceremony completed, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, when the brethren of the lower degrees retired. The W.M. elect was then entrusted and retired for a brief space. A Board of Installed Masters was then constituted in ample form, the west and south being presided over by Bros. P.M.'s Rymer Young and W. H. Robinson. The W.M. elect now applied for re-admission, and was received in due form, and installed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom, and was greeted, saluted and proclaimed as an Installed Master. He then invested the I.P.M., who was addressed by the Installing Master as to the nature, duties, and responsibilities of his office, and afterwards entrusted. The Board was next "called off," and the newly-installed W.M. congratulated and "cemented" in his high position. Labour resumed, the Board was dissolved, and the brethren admitted by regular gradations, and the W.M. honoured and proclaimed in the three degrees. The W.M. invested as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. James Paterson S.W., J. Paul Rylands J.W., Thomas Tunstall P.M. Treasurer, John Bowes P.M. &c., Sec., Thomas Grime S.D., Charles Skinner J.D., Councillor Francomb I.G. Each Officer was addressed by the Installing Master before and after being placed in his appointed chair. The Installing Master then delivered the ancient addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, which being completed, he took his seat in the south-east. The W.M. then presented, in the name of the Lodge, and on its behalf, a gold P.M.'s jewel to the I.P.M. Bro. Charles E. Hindley, which that brother suitably acknowledged. The auditors presented their report, and some routine business having been transacted, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Lion Hotel, where a splendid repast awaited them. Grace before and after meat was said by the Secretary. On the cloth being removed, the toast list was proceeded with, and we must say that we never listened to better post-prandial speeches. The W.M. set the example, and the speakers that followed in most cases imitated the good pattern set them. The W. Master's health was proposed and accepted with the utmost enthusiasm. Bro. J. Rymer Young P.M., in proposing the health of the Installing Master, remarked that he should require the attention of the brethren for a few moments only, inasmuch as he felt it was difficult to say anything concerning their esteemed Bro. Bowes that had not already been well said. He would remark, however, that, notwithstanding the loyal manner in which they had responded to the toasts of the Queen and the Prince of Wales, and not forgetting, too, the hearty manner in which they had received the name of the W.M., he felt certain that, of the entire list of toasts, none would be more heartily responded to than that of their worthy Secretary, the Installing Master. To tell them that Bro. Bowes had performed that beautiful ceremony, perhaps a dozen times in their own Lodge, would be to repeat a simple matter of history; to inform them that he invariably discharged his duties in a manner that made the ceremony always interesting and instructive, would be to sing once again a very old song indeed; they all knew that; and to remind them that Bro. Bowes had the goodwill and regard of every member of their ancient Lodge of Lights would be to afford another gratuitous piece of information that was totally unnecessary. In short, it would not be advisable to detain them while he recited the entire catalogue of Bro. Bowes's virtues. He should therefore content himself by asking them to drink, in as hearty a manner as possible, the health of the Installing Master, and so renew, as it were, an annual vote of confidence in their worthy brother. The toast was received with the utmost enthusiasm; indeed, it met with nothing short of an ovation.

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Bro. Bowes suitably responded. The Visitors, one and all, bore testimony to the pleasure of their visit, both in and out of the Lodge. The proceedings were considerably enhanced by some excellent music, artistically rendered by Bros. Barton Curzon and Francomb, under the able leadership of Bro. Thos. Mee Pattison, the Organist of the Lodge.

LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

THE Installation meeting of this numerous and excellent working Lodge was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. There was a numerous attendance of the brethren and several distinguished Visitors. Bros. W. Hymans W.M., R. Baker S.W., L. M. Myers J.W., J. S. Lyon Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., J. Abrahams S.D., Blanks J.D., Baum I.G., A. Dodson P.M. Dir. C., Davis A.D.C., P. E. Van Noorden Org. Past Masters, Bros. L. Alexander, H. M. Levy, S. Hickman, I. Abrahams, O. Roberts, and Lazarus. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. H. L. Phillips and P. Feeney 1017 (the latter by courtesy of the W.M.) were raised to the third degree. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Elias Simmons, and as this proved successful, he was duly initiated into the Order. Both the ceremonies were perfectly rendered. After the usual preliminary ceremonial, a Board of Installed Masters, consisting of no less than twenty-six W.M.'s and P.M.'s, was opened, and Bro. R. Baker S.W. and W.M. elect was duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M. Bro. Hymans, whose work was done in a masterly and impressive manner that was highly appreciated, and warranted the encomiums passed on him by the brethren and Visitors. At the conclusion of the ceremony brethren below the rank of Installed Master returned to the Lodge, and the W.M. was saluted in accordance with ancient custom. He then, in appropriate terms, appointed and invested as his Officers Bros. H. Hymans I.P.M., L. M. Myers S.W., J. Benjamin J.W., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Secretary, J. S. Lyon Treasurer, Blanks S.D., Baum J.D., Davis I.G., A. G. Dodson P.M. D.C., P. E. Van Noorden Organist, Bean A.D.C., Botibol and Wall Stewards, Woodstock Tyler. The applause that followed the investiture of each Officer showed the W.M. had made a good selection. Bro. S. Hickman P.M. proposed, and Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. seconded, that a cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Hymans for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, which was carried unanimously. The resignation of a brother was accepted, with regret. Two distressed brethren were relieved from the funds of the Lodge. Nine propositions for initiation were handed in to the Secretary. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, 109 in number, sat down to a sumptuous and *recherché* banquet, provided by Bro. Jennings, and superintended by Bro. Silver. After dinner the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. The National Anthem having been sung, he next gave the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master, who, all know, took a deep interest in Freemasonry. Bro. Heine Hugo sang "Non Piu Andrai," after which followed the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past, Bro. Baker remarking that they were pleased as well as honoured by the presence of several distinguished Grand Officers, among them being R.W. Bro. Giddy District G.M. Griqualand, Bro. Wendt Grand Secretary for German Correspondence, and Bro. T. Cubitt P.G.P. After a duet, by Madame F. Brooke and Bro. P. E. Van Noorden, Bro. Giddy expressed his sense of the honour that had been paid him and his brother Grand Officers. He pointed out that in Bro. Albert the Lodge had a member who was a host in himself, and one with whom but few could compete in his good and kindly feeling. He also thanked them on behalf of Bros. Wendt and Cubitt, and concluded by commending the Lodge for its capital working and the cordial reception it extended towards visitors. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Joppa Benevolent Fund, connecting with it the name of the President, Bro. L. Alexander P.M. Bro. Benjamin having played a solo on the flute, accompanied by Bro. Van Noorden,—which was so highly appreciated that it had to be given a second time,—Bro. L. Alexander P.M. rose, and requested the Secretary of the Fund to read the minutes of the last meeting, which showed that a sum of £1,004 16s 5d was then placed to their credit. He gave an account of the rise of the Fund and its application, stating that a short time since they had thought they should have had to sell out stock, but he had to thank Bro. Lazarus P.M. for his energy during the evening, that brother having collected the sum of £31 7s. The names of the contributors having been read out seriatim, Bro. Hymans rose and expressed the great pleasure he felt in calling upon the brethren to drink the health of the W.M. They had seen how ably he had acquitted himself since his installation, and they would, he was sure, be proud of him when, on the next occasion, he had to fulfil his duties. After Miss Florence Williams had sung, "Why are you wandering?" the W.M., in reply, remarked there were certain events in every man's life of which he felt proud. He trusted he should not belie the hopes they had formed of him; they had seen his past position, and he hoped that in future he should discharge his duties with precision, deviating neither to the right nor the left, so that when he left the chair the Lodge would not have lost any of its prestige. The W.M. then proposed the health of one they were proud of—the new initiate, who had come among them with a good introduction, and had already shown his good qualities and appreciation of Freemasonry, by giving a substantial amount to the Charity Fund. Bro. Benjamin having sung a very admirable song, Bro. Elias Simmons, in brief but appropriate terms, responded to the toast. The W.M. then gave the health of the I.P.M. Bro. H. Hymans, which was enthusiastically received, and said it was always a pleasant duty to be the exponent of the praise due to one who had performed his duties so ably during his year of his office. All had seen and experienced his genial presidency at banquet, and all admired the ability with which he had fulfilled his duties. It gave him the greatest pleasure to present to Bro. Hymans the testimonial which had been voted him by the Lodge. The jewel, which was of very elegant design and bore a suitable inscription, was then pinned on Bro. Hymans' breast, and the latter, after a brief interval, in which Madame Frances Brooke sang, rose and returned his warmest thanks, both for the kind words of the Worshipful Master in proposing the toast, and for the hearty reception it had met with from all the brethren. He thanked them for their handsome present, in recognition of his services during the past year. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Visitors, and, having mentioned their names, said how pleased they were to receive them. He called on Bro. T. Cubitt P.G.P. to respond. The call having been answered, the toast of the Past Masters was given, and responded to by Bros. A. G. Dodson and H. M. Levy. In giving the toast of the Wardens, Bro. Baker spoke in complimentary terms of their zeal and ability, as already evinced that very day. To the toast of the Secretary and Treasurer those Officers severally responded, and the "Junior Officers" was acknowledged by Bros. Blanks, Baum, and Davis. After the Tyler's toast had been given, the brethren separated. Great credit is due to Bro. P. E. Van Noorden for his excellent programme of music, both vocal and instrumental, and also to Bro. Dodson P.M. for his attention to the comfort of the brethren and Visitors. The following is a list of the Visitors:—Bros. W. H. Giddy D.G.M. Griqualand, Wendt Grand Sec. German Correspondence, T. Cubitt P.G.P., Davis 1017, Feeny 1017, Phillips 205, M. J. Hayes 1348, T. B. Launcelot 55, C. P. Bellerby 1612, E. Swanborough P.M. 1319, Greenbaum 214, M. Lazarus P.M. 53, Huggins 1288, Halliwell 749, Hart 1348, Thomas 177, J. Baker 1471, Hammond 820, Hugo 1017, King 1017, B. D. Barnett W.M. 1668, Fletcher 180, Staden 180, Mellish 55, L. J. Salmon W.M. 1017, E. Bowyer P.S.G.W. Hertfordshire, P. E. Cohen P.M. 205, Lake P.G.R. Cornwall, Myers 185, Da Silva 205, Southwood P.M. 1260, Anstiss 1695, J. W. Dickson 55, Gardner 771, W. H. Baker 183, Myers 205, Walter Joyce.

DORIC LODGE, No. 81.

THIS Lodge held its annual meeting on the 27th of December, at the Masonic Hall, Woodbridge. Bros. F. Whiptock W.M., W. Wilmshurst Sec., B. D. Gall Treasurer, C. F. Browne D.C., J. Stidolph Organist, J. C. Fisk I.G., H. Hall Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. W. P. T. Phillips, J. Callingford, B. Dove, B. Gall, A. Barnes. Visitors—Bros. T. C. Cobbold, M.P., S.W., Casley, Tracey, Boby, Harvey P.M. Aldeburgh. The business of the evening comprised the installation of Bro. St. G. Cobbold, which ceremony was performed in a most excellent manner by Bro. W. Clarke Assist. Grand Pursuivant of England. The W.M. (Bro. Cobbold) invested his Officers as above, the S.W., J.W., S.D., and J.D. being respectively W. P. Phillips, F. Arkent, J. C. Fish, and General Hessey.

EBRINGTON LODGE, No. 1847.

THE first installation banquet of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., in the Lodge rooms, Stonehouse, the W.M. Bro. J. H. Stephens presiding, supported by W. Bros. R. Lose P.P.G.P. I.P.M. and Secretary, S. Jew P.P.G.T. Treasurer, and A. R. Lethbridge; Bros. H. McMillan S.W., and C. A. Nicholson J.W., and the other Officers of the Lodge. The Visitors included W. Bros. J. Phillips P.P.G.S. of Works, W. Browning P.P.G.D.C., J. M. Hifley P.P.G.A.D.C., J. B. Gover P.P.G.A.D.C., O. Knowles W.M., B. S. Johns I.P.M., H. J. Tretheway, J. Bartlett, and F. Littleton, Past Masters 159; Bros. W. S. Hearder W.M. 105, S. Pearce W.M., B. Elliott I.P.M. 1247, Charles D. Stentiford S.W. 159, J. T. Hardy J.W. 159, Cuddeford, and Barker. During the evening a handsome pair of gold eyeglasses was presented to Bro. Lose, the retiring Master, as a token of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren of the Lodge, whose progress and good position were commented on by various speakers.

BENEVOLENT LODGE, No. 303.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Teignmouth. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. S. Kersteman P.P.G.R. was installed by Bro. F. C. Hallett P.M., assisted by the following Board of P.M.'s:—Bros. J. W. Valentine I.P.M., C. J. Workman, J. W. Ormerod, S. L. R. Templer 30 S., G. N. Burden P.P.G.S., S. Loram 1443 P.P.G.D.C., H. L. Friend 1443, J. Ticknll 792. After the installation, the W.M. invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. U. Valentine I.P.M., J. J. O. Evans S.W., H. W. Marshal J.W., Rev. A. P. Evans Chaplain, J. Whidborne Treasurer, H. W. Grant Secretary, F. Banbury S.D., W. H. Saunders J.D., H. C. Boyd D.C., George Bull I.G., R. Gilpin and W. N. Thomas Stewards. After the installation, the banquet was held at Bro. C. H. Collings' Royal Hotel.

Lodge of Economy.—At the quarterly meeting of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Winchester, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., Bro. Murray was chosen as the W.M. for the ensuing year.

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Albion Lodge, No. 9.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 4th January, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Minutes of last Lodge were confirmed, and report of Audit Committee was adopted. The Installation of the W.M., Bro. Frederick Chifferiel, was next proceeded with, Bro. Samuel Vallentine P.M. and Treasurer of Benevolent Fund, acting as Installing Master. The following were appointed Officers:—Bros. E. D. Willey S.W., A. Endean J.W., J. A. Abbott P.M. Sec., T. Moring P.M. Treas., S. N. Thompson S.D., R. Elliott J.D., W. Willey D.C., George Beckingsale Assist. D.C., Samuel Vallentine Treasurer of Benevolent Fund, Edmund Coste Steward, R. Watson I.G., J. Rawles Tyler. There were also present P.M.'s W. B. Marsh, L. W. Harvey, H. Albert, H. S. Friend, W. T. Scott, J. S. Carter. Visitors—Bros. Phillips P.M. 1563, H. Marfleet P.M. 217, T. Pearce 1805, R. J. Harslett 212, A. Jones 1764, C. J. Turner W.M. 157, G. Robey S.W. 1805, N. Vallentine 1017, C. W. N. Hall 766, J. H. Anderson 28, S. Holroyd 310, C. Greenwood jun. P.G.R. Surrey, J. Murray 1706, P. A. Lee 1193, A. Remingham 1706, R. Delany 1706, C. Becket 1319, G. Hodges 1706.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1394.—Meeting at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning-town, on Tuesday, 4th inst. Bros. Johnson W.M., Pavitt S.W., Myers J.W., Smith S.D., Watkins J.D., Bailey I.G., Worsley Sec., and Preceptor Bro. Musto, also Bros. Rawe, White, Sadler, Knopp, and others. Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes were read. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Knopp candidate. Bro. Worsley worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. This was the first meeting of the members of this Lodge of Instruction for the year, and to add to the general comfort, the room was covered with a splendid Masonic carpet. We can recommend a visit to this pretty little Lodge. The anniversary dinner will take place on Tuesday, 25th inst.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 4th January, at the Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement. Bros. C. Fountain W.M., Kern S.W., Thompson J.W., C. G. Sparrow Sec., Redding S.D., Hepburn I.G., and several others. Visitor—Bro. David Davidson, of St. John's Lodge, Liverpool, No. 673. Lodge opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Shipley candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history and full explanation of the Tracing Board of the degree. The W.M. next rehearsed the ceremony of passing, with the same brother representing the candidate. Bro. Kern was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bros. Lovell and Smith, of the Lodge of Perseverance 1743, were elected members. Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.—On Monday, 3rd January, at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney. Bros. J. Catlin W.M., Morling S.W., Daymond J.W., Finch S.D., Martin J.D., McDowall I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary; also Bros. Stephens, McMillan, Honeychurch, and others. After preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Honeychurch candidate. Lodge resumed, and Bro. Morling was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be entered on the minutes to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had performed the duties for the first time in any Lodge. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed.

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1st January 1881.

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FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN.

THE festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated on Monday, 27th December, by the members of the Masonic Craft throughout Scotland. In Edinburgh the Lodges met in their own rooms or in hotels, and elected their Office-bearers for the ensuing year, and thereafter the ceremony of installation took place. Afterwards the brethren dined together; and in the course of the evening the festival was further observed in the usual manner by sending out deputations from the respective Lodges, who interchanged fraternal greetings. The following is a list of the new Office-bearers of the Lodges in the Metropolitan Province:—

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CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT, BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE annual entertainment which is given at this festive season to the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys who remain at school during the holidays took place on Wednesday evening. There was a numerous gathering of visitors, especially if we take into account that the customary entertainment to the Old Folks at Croydon was fixed for the same evening. Among those present were Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the Institution, and the Misses Binckes; Bro. Dr. Morris, Head Master, Bro. C. F. Matier and Mrs. Matier, Bro. E. C. Woodward and Mrs. Woodward, Bro. Major Hawkins, Bro. W. W. Morgan, &c., &c. The programme was a most entertaining one, and was furnished entirely by Bro. Seymour Smith, whose efforts were duly appreciated, not only by the youngsters for whose especial behoof they were exerted, but likewise by the rest of the audience. The programme was of a most humorous description throughout. It was entitled, "Sea Side Jottings," was in two Parts, and included some of Bro. Seymour Smith's best songs. The opening of Part I. was descriptive of a Bachelor's Paradise, after which the hero, Theophilus, heroically determines upon undertaking a journey, and is fortunate in catching his train, to the accompaniment of a merry song, "Just in Time." Once seated in a carriage he gives himself up to moralising on people and things in general and his fellow passengers in particular, whom we are to suppose he entertains by the way with a pretty ballad, "I love my love so dearly." The example thus set by Theophilus is contagious, and a venerable spinster expresses her ideas on the "Girl of the Period." After an amusing sketch of "The Happy Family," the Melancholy Man causes no little amusement by misquoting a proverb, and follows this exploit up by proving the falsity of the old adage, "out of sight, out of mind." A humorous song, "Bill Craven," having been given with great effect, the train reaches "Muddleme Junction," where it seems birds of a feather do not always flock together. The Guard then gives his ideas, and after another sketch, in which is described "The Railway Station," we are supposed to be at Shingleses, and make acquaintance with its most prominent characteristics and inhabitants. A patriotic song, "The Tight Little Island," concludes Part I.

In Part II. are sketched the adventures of Theophilus, showing how, having been hooked by a fisherman, he escapes the sailor, and is then caught by the Tar. A fit of bad panning supervenes, but in due course, he meets the Volunteers, whose gallant captain indulges in so mild a flirtation that Bro. Smith feels under the necessity of contrasting it in song with that of "The Irish Captain." A variety of other adventures, in the course of which Theophilus, having shown an utter disregard for morals, astonishes his landlady, and is in turn astonished by the Jolly Man, our hero emerges from a conglomeration of misfortunes just in time to encounter Mrs. Brown. A description of her famous Dinner Party forms the climax to the woes of Theophilus. He resolves on an immediate flight, and having returned to the Metropolis, seeks consolation for all his troubles and difficulties at the Opera, of his visit to which he gives a description. This brings the entertainment to a close. Those who have had the privilege of hearing Bro. Smith will have no difficulty in picturing to themselves the varied fun and frolic his entertainment contained.

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He gave it from beginning to end in his happiest vein, and was loudly and deservedly applauded at intervals and at the close. A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Bro. Binckes, was carried with acclamation.

The ladies and brethren then adjourned for light refreshment, and the party returned to town, highly delighted with what they had heard and seen, while "Our Boys" retired to rest in a state which is more easily imagined than described.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE New Year's Entertainment to the inmates of the Asylum at Croydon, was given on Wednesday, 5th inst., when, among others, the following brethren and ladies attended:—H. J. Strong, M.D., Honorary Surgeon to the Institution, Thomas J. Steel, E. Dagousset, Edgar Bowyer, Raynham W. Stewart, T. A. Winsland, Charles John Perceval, Charles G. Hill, A. H. Tattershall, Mrs. Tattershall, John Constable, Edward Davies, Mrs. Davies, Robert H. Halford, Mrs. Halford, R. Pearcy, Mrs. Pearcy, T. Goode, Mrs. Goode, L. B. Newton, John Newton, Mrs. Newton, Miss Newton, Mrs. Terry, Miss Terry, Alfred Trewinnard, P. Forge, H. Massey, Mrs. Massey, Miss A. R. Massey, Thomas Cubitt, John G. Stephens, J. J. Terry, William Stephens, W. H. Wallington, H. E. Frances, Mrs. Frances, E. Spooner, H. Amphlett, Mrs. Amphlett, and James Terry (Secretary). Dinner was provided at two o'clock, when an excellent repast was partaken of, which the old folks enjoyed. Dr. Strong took the chair, and Bro. John Constable the vice-chair. Dr. Strong proposed three toasts, the Queen, the Founders of the Feast, and Bro. Norris and Miss Norris, the Warden and Matron of the Institution. Bro. Edgar Bowyer, who was coupled with the toast of the Founders of the Feast, said in his reply that the success of the Institution was the most earnest wish of himself and the other brethren who took part in these entertainments. Bro. Norris, whom Dr. Strong claimed as the oldest Mason in the world, replied for himself and daughter, who, he said, was both right and left hand to him, without her he would not be able to perform his duties; and he concluded by wishing the whole party a very Happy New Year. Bro. Tattershall, at a dinner of which those brethren afterwards partook, who had waited on the old people at their dinner, mentioned that there was a balance of £15 still owing for a beautiful piano which had been just purchased of Messrs. Broadwood, for the Institution, and he suggested that the brethren might raise that money by appeals to their various Lodges and Chapters. Some brethren thought they might raise it at once and this suggestion was adopted. In the course of a few minutes the requisite amount was subscribed. The company, after dinner, visited the old people in their residences and took tea with them, and in the evening a dramatic and musical entertainment was given, of which the following is the programme:—Solo Concertina, "Recollections of Scotland," Miss Edridge; Song, "The Village Blacksmith," Mr. S. Edridge; Reading, Ingoldsby's "Little Vulgar Boy," Mr. Moore; Song, "Barney O'Hea," Miss Edridge; Solo Violin, "Adagio," Mozart, Miss Strong; Reading, "Boots at the Holly Tree," Mr. Edridge; Song, "Cup of Tea," Miss Edridge; Reading, (Twain) Mr. Moore, Police Court Sketches, "Tragedy of the Flat Iron." Miss Terry also sang, and then *Uncle's Will* was performed by Mr. Moore, Miss Edridge, and Mr. S. Edridge. The company were regaled with wine and other refreshments during the evening, and the visitors returned to town soon after ten o'clock.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met last Saturday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. W. Roebuck (in the chair), Frederick Adlard, George Bolton P.D.G.M. China, Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., S. Rosenthal, C. F. Matier, Arthur E. Gladwell, J. G. Chancellor, H. Massey, George J. Palmer, A. J. Duff-Filer P.G.S.B., W. H. Perryman, John Palmer, W. F. C. Montrie, and Frederick Binckes P.G. Steward (Secretary). A vote of thanks was passed unanimously to the Bazaar Committee of the Pupils' Assistance Fund for the present to the band of the Institution of a silver cornet-a-piston, manufactured by F. Besson and Co., as a mark of appreciation of the services of the band on the occasion of the holding of the Bazaar in June last. The report of the Special Committee on Collingwood's case was read. The Committee reported that the General Committee should recommend the Quarterly Court to declare Collingwood duly elected. This finding was based on an inquiry into all the circumstances of the case, and on a report of an accountant, who had had the will, books, and accounts of the late Bro. Collingwood before him, that the widow was now entitled to £130 a year, and would by the year 1883, when the last of certain bills should have matured, be in receipt of another £50 a year. The candidate was also now entitled to £40 a year for his maintenance and education, the interest of £1170, to which he would be absolutely entitled on attaining twenty-one years of age. On these reports being read, Bro. C. F. Matier moved, "That the Report of the Special Committee be not adopted." The accountant's report showed that the mother of the candidate was not destitute. She had two children to bring up, each of whom was entitled to £40 a year till twenty-one years, and then they would come into possession of the capital. The School ought not to be saddled with a case of that sort. From his own personal knowledge there was many a liberal contributor to the Institution who could not afford to leave his widow and family so well off as the late Bro. Collingwood had. There was many a more deserving case than this, which would be shut out if Collingwood were admitted. Bro. Gladwell seconded Bro. Matier's motion. Bro. J. G. Chancellor supported the adoption of the Special Committee's Report. While Bro. Collingwood was alive, his wife and family were living in affluent circumstances, at the rate of £800 or £900 a year. His widow had now only £130 a year to live upon. Under such circumstances she was suffering a great reverse of fortune, and the case was really a case of distress. If the Committee were to reject all cases of this description, and only admitted those that were absolutely destitute, the Masonic Schools would be reduced from their present position to that of pauper schools. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart adopted the view of Bro. Chancellor, and Bro. Roebuck remarked that he thought the report of the Special Committee was right. The Committee then divided, and the Report was rejected. Thirteen petitions to place candidates on the list for the April election were read and examined, out of which nine were accepted absolutely, and three conditionally. Outfits of £5 each were given to two former pupils of the School, and £20 was granted to an exceptional case, in which the late pupil is studying for the medical profession. The brethren then settled the list of candidates for next election, which, including the three cases accepted conditionally, will have on it seventy-seven candidates. There will be vacancies in the School for only twenty boys. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart gave notice that he would move at the Quarterly Court, to be held on Monday next, at four o'clock, p.m.—"That to commemorate the twenty years' services of the Secretary, Bro. Binckes, and in recognition of the ability shown by him during that period, and also having regard to the success achieved by his exertions, he be granted a gratuity of £200 out of the Funds of the Institution." A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

THE NEW PROVINCE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, NORTH WALES.

A MEETING of the St. David's Lodge, No. 38, was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno, on Tuesday, 4th ult., for the purpose of forming the new Province of North Wales, and installing the Right Worshipful Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., as P.G.M. The brethren present were:—R.W. Bros. W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., P.G.M. Designate, Dr. T. C. Roden P.P.G.S.W. P.G.D. of England, G. L. Woodley P.M. P.P.G.S.W., Bros. C. Davis W.M. 259 P.G.J.W., R. S. Chamberlain P.M. P.G. Treasurer, G. E. Lowe P.M. P.G.S.O., Major J. S. Tudor W.M. 38 P.G.M.O., Rev. J. S. Boucher P.G. Chap., J. T. Purvis P.G. Registrar, R. Owen P.G.S.D., A. Macmillan P.G.J.D., W. Warren P.G.S. of Works, Gordon Warren P.G.D. Cheshire and North Wales, J. S. Hughes P.G. Sword Bearer, Hathaway P.G. Standard Bearer, G. F. Felton P.G. Organist, R. H. Pritchard P.G. Steward, W. L. Bankes P.M. P.P.G.S.W.,, C. S. Dean P.G.D. of C., W. Price J.D. 38, Kerfoot Evans 38, Roland Rogers, Mus. Doc., 38, J. Pritchard 38, W. Jarvis 38, J. Moon P.G. Tyler, &c. The M.W. Earl Lathom, G.M.M.M. of England, had deputed the Wor. Bro. Don. M. Dewar Assistant Grand Secretary of England to represent him in the formation of the new Province and the installation of the R.W. Bulkeley Hughes as P.G.M.M.M. of North Wales, which ceremonies were performed in a very able and impressive manner. The P.G.M.M.M. was proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom. A vote of thanks was subsequently accorded to W. Bro. Dewar for the admirable manner in which he had discharged the onerous duties deputed to him, and he was duly proposed as an honorary member of St. David's Lodge 38. The Worshipful Brother having returned thanks in suitable terms, the P.G.M.M.M. invested his Officers. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which took place at the Imperial Hotel. The W. Bro. Captain C. Hunter Deputy P.G.M.M.M. was unavoidably absent, owing to the severe illness of a near relative. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal toasts were honoured, after which the following Mark toasts were given:—The Most Worshipful the Earl of Lathom G.M.M.M. of England, the Right Worshipful Lord Henniker D.G.M.M.M. of England, and the rest of the Grand Officers, the latter toast being responded to by Bro. Dewar. The other toasts were:—The Right Worshipful Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., P.G.M.M.M. of North Wales, The Right Worshipful Brother the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., P.G.M.M.M. of Cheshire and P.P.G.M.M.M. Chester and North Wales, The Worshipful Brother Captain Charles Hunter Deputy P.G.M.M.M. and the rest of the Provincial Officers, The Worshipful Master of the St. David's Lodge, The Visiting Brethen, The Masonic Charities, and The Tyler's Toast. The musical arrangements were conducted by Bro. Roland Rogers, Mus. Doc., and G. F. Felton P.G. Organist.

[The above report is somewhat ancient, but we have been requested to publish it.]

POLICE NOTICE.

DESCRIPTION of a man charged with stealing a Freemason's Certificate in Newport, Mon., on the 18th Dec. 1880.

JOHN BAKER, a Pastry Baker, about 30 years, height, 5ft. 2in. to 5ft. 4in., whiskers shaved, small brown moustache, very pale, sharp thin features, slightly built. Wore Serge Coat and Trousers, and Silk soft Cap.

Took with him a pair of Tweed Trousers, light colour and ribbed, Vest of same material; may be wearing these. Said he belonged to Birkenhead, and kept a confectioner's shop there some time ago. Has been to sea in mail boats as baker.

The Certificate stolen is in the name of "JOSEPH RICKARDS," Homfray Lodge, 1562," which he uses as a means to obtain relief from Freemasons.

This Certificate was presented at Oswestry, on the 3rd instant, and may be presented to Masters of Masonic Lodges in other places, who are requested to give immediate information to the police.

The Police are particularly requested to inquire for this person, and apprehend him, and send telegram to Mr. Sinclair, Chief of Police, Newport, Mon., who holds a Warrant for his apprehension.

Borough Police Office, Newport, Mon.,
6th January 1881.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 8th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
186—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1614—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
1856—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon

MONDAY, 10th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
90—St. John, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1366—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1633—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1636—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1662—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
597—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
599—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
830—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
863—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield.
1263—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 11th JANUARY.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
454—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden
1636—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
636—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Basildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Basildon
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A 285—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 12th JANUARY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 3 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1248—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
463—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction.)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull. (Instruction.)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wales
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
M.M. 145—Constantine, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 13th JANUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.oad
211—St. Michael, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
615—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
634—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1599—Skelmersdale, Kasons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston

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337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
482—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
489—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
796—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 14th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction.)
834—Hanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1228—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
K.T.—Mount Calvary, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-steet, Goole.
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
536—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
553—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1067—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1289—Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
K.T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 15th JANUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1634—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1733—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

HUMBER LODGE, No. 57.

THE annual installation of the Officers of this Lodge took place on Monday, 27th ult., being the Feast of St. John the Evangelist. The Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Morris Haberland, was installed with the full ceremonies of the Order by the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. J. P. Bell, M.D., J.P., Past Grand Deacon of England. The following Officers were also appointed and invested:—Bros. George Wilson, L.D.S. I.P.M., Thomas Taylor S.W., Robert Hodgson J.W., Henry Toozes P.M. P.P.G.D. Chaplain, Thos. Thompson P.M. P.P.G.D. Treasurer, W. Banks Hay, M.D., P.M. P.P.G.D. Treasurer of the Sinking Fund and Lecture Master, W. Tesseyman P.M. P.P.G. Supt. Works Treasurer of the Benevolent and Pension Fund and Charity Steward, W. D. Keyworth P.M. P.P.G. Supt. Works Treasurer and Almoner of the Poor Fund, Joseph Hindson Secretary, John Batty S.D., John Walton J.D., Andrew King M.C., George D. Storry Organist, Charles Borrill I.G., Richard Perton Librarian, M. J. Martensen, James Walker, J. Wildbore, L. Keller, J. Petch, J. Shaw, R. Marshall Stewards, James Lowe Tyler, W. Cuthbert assistant Tyler. A banquet was subsequently held, at which the Worshipful Master presided, supported by the D.P.G.M., the P.G. Secretary, the Wor. Masters of the Hull and neighbouring Lodges, and many eminent members of the Craft.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 70.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 30th December, at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes-place, Plymouth. The unanimously-elected Wor. Master Bro. Edwin Tout was effectively installed by the retiring Master, Bro. William Odam, assisted by Wor. Bros. J. B. Gover P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., R. Pengelly, and E. A. Lean, in a large Board of Installed Masters. The Treasurer reported that the finances of the Lodge were never in a more satisfactory condition, due provision having been made for the Masonic Charities. The Officers appointed for the next year were—Bros. William Odam I.P.M., James Griffen S.W., F. B. Westlake J.W., L. J. Westcott Tr., J. B. Gover Secretary, J. D. Barker S.D., Thos. King sen. J.D., W. H. Symons D.C., George Sercombe A.D.C., W. T. Denniford Org., Thomas King jun. I.G., Henri Chaper S.S., M. Watts J.S., William Phillips Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the brethren adjourned to the Globe Hotel for the banquet. This was in all respects admirable. The loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In course of the evening a Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. Bro. W. Odam, in recognition of his services during the past year. Allusion was made to the ability of the Past Masters, the Treasurer Bro. Westcott, and the Secretary Bro. J. B. Gover. The visitors from the sister Province of Cornwall, as well as others from distant parts of Devon, expressed the pleasure they had in visiting the old Lodge St. John. Bro. M. Watts was thanked for his attention in catering, and the proceedings were enlivened by appropriate music and readings.

LOVE AND HONOUR LODGE, No. 75.

THE annual meeting of the above Lodge (the premier Lodge of the Province of Cornwall) was held at the Masonic Rooms, Royal Hotel, Falmouth, when the Worshipful Master elect Bro. William D. Rogers, was ably installed by Wor. Bro. W. T. Newman P.M. P. Prov. S.G.D., assisted by the retiring Master Wor. Bro. Joseph Wallace. The W.M. invested the following brethren as Officers for the ensuing year:—Wor. Bro. Joseph Wallace I.P.M., Bros. R. Carter S.W., P. H. M. Du Gillon J.W., Wor. Bro. W. F. Newman Treasurer, Bros. J. P. Polglase Secretary, George P. Carter S.D., E. J. H. Nicholls J.D., R. J. Toms D.C., C. W. Robinson Org., John Carne I.G., W. J. Tresidder and George Keene Stewards, Wm. Rosdeng Tyler. W. Bro. T. C. Polglase was reappointed Stwd. of the C.M.A. and B. Fund. In the evening the members and the visiting brethren dined together. In addition to those mentioned, there were present—Wor. Bros. M. Little P.M. 75, Richard John P.M. 131 P. Prov. G.D.C., E. Edwards P.M. 131 P.P.G. Steward, J. H. Mitchell P.M. 589 Prov. G. Steward, and Bro. W. H. Watkins J.D. 331. The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a most enjoyable evening spent by all present.

RESTORATION LODGE, DARLINGTON, No. 111.

THIS Lodge held their annual banquet of St. John the Evangelist and installation on Thursday, 30th ult., when the members met at the Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, and Bro. Henry Maddison was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Babbington Boulton P.M. P.P.G.D. acting as Installing Master, after which the following Officers were appointed:—John Hodgson S.W., C. Cain J.W., C. Jackson Chaplain, R. A. Luck Treasurer, G. J. Wilson Secretary, J. C. Martin Almoner, J. Hoggett S.D., Thos. Maddison J.D., T. E. Hall I.G., Richard Luck jun. D.C., T. A. Simpson and Wm. Hodgson Stewards, T. Gargett Tyler, after which they adjourned to the King's Head and held the banquet.

MOUNT SINAI LODGE, No. 121.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge—to celebrate the Festival of St. John, to instal the Worshipful Master, and to appoint the Officers for the ensuing year—was held on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Penzance. At an emergency meeting, held previous to the regular meeting, Mr. R. White jun., professor of music, was ballotted for, and duly initiated. Bro. James Lovell jun. S.W., who was elected at the last meeting as the W.M. for the ensuing year, was installed in his office. The other Officers invested were as follow:—Bros. G. H. Small S.W., F. Holman J.W., M. Sampson S.D., F. Rodda J.D., G. Wedlake I.G., C. Reed Treasurer, Simpson Secretary, R. Aitkin Chaplain, R. White jun. Organist, G. T. Olver D.C., T. Reynolds and Colenso Stewards, and R. Reynolds Tyler. The Treasurer (Bro. C. Reed) reported that there was a balance in favour of the Lodge of £51 14s 10d, the receipts from the past year being £168 18s 2d. The usual sum of five guineas was voted to the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund, and Bro. I. Levin P.M. was re-elected the Steward of that Fund. The further question of the distribution of charities was adjourned to the next meeting. The banquet was held the following evening, at the Western Hotel, the W.M. Bro. J. Lovell presiding. Among the guests and speakers was Bro. W. C. Borlase, M.P.

BRUNSWICK LODGE No. 159.

THE annual meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Ebrington Masonic Temple, Hobart-street, Stonehouse. Bro. Owen Knowles, the Wor. M. elect, was installed by the W.M. B. S. Johns, assisted by Wor. Bro. Richard Lose P.M. P.P.G.P. After the ceremony the Officers were appointed and invested:—Bros. B. S. Johns I.P.M., C. D. Stentiford S.W., J. T. Hardy J.W., J. H. Stephens Treasurer, H. Miller Secretary, W. Trevan S.D., R. H. Carter J.D.,

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T. C. Mortimer D.C., George Milford Org., George Ellery I.G., R. Selmon S.S., W. Westaway J.S., James Bartlett Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Wor. Bro. B. S. Johns I.P.M. in appreciation of his services. Wor. Bro. H. Miller, in the name of the Lodge, also presented to Wor. Bro. J. H. Stephens, a valuable signet ring, in recognition of the services he had so well performed as Treasurer. At the close of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to the convenient room in their own building, and a very enjoyable banquet was provided by Bro. I. Justham, of Devonport. The toasts were duly honoured under the presidency of the Wor. Master.

YORK LODGE, No. 236.

THE members celebrated the Festival of St. John the Evangelist by dining together at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, 28th ult. The W.M., Bro. M. Rooke, presided, and was ably supported. Letters regretting inability to be present were received from many members, including Bros. R. W. Hollon P.M., W. Lawton P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., and others. The Dean of York, in responding to the toast of G. Lodge, laid stress on the value of Masonry, as tending to make men more charitable in their dealings with one another, since in the Lodge they laid aside all religious and political questions, and met on a common platform. He looked upon the spread of Masonry as having an important effect on the well-being of society. The musical arrangements, under the direction of Bro. T. Toke Organist, were excellent, songs being sung by Bros. W. H. Gainforth, J. Todd, G. Kirby, A. Buckle, T. G. Hodgson, and others.

TRUE AND FAITHFUL LODGE, No. 318.

THE annual meeting was held at the Masonic Rooms, Helston, on Tuesday, 28th ult., when the W.M. elect, Bro. Josiah Rowe S.W., was duly installed into the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by W. Bros. H. Trembath P.P.G., A. T. Grant P.P.G.P., T. J. Joyce P.M., and R. Sedgman James P.M., besides whom the following Past Masters of the Lodge were present:—W. Bros. Thomas Taylor P.P.S.G.D., J. Q. James P.G. Steward, Rev. W. H. Bloxsome P.P.G. Chaplain, J. Jeffery jun. P.P.A.D.C., and Walter Wearne I.P.M. The following Officers were invested by the W.M.:—W. Bros. Walter Wearne I.P.M., J. Moyser Pascoe S.W., J. H. Philp J.W., Rev. J. Hammerton Chaplain, W. Trevenen Treasurer, J. Q. James P.G. Steward Secretary, William Ellis S.D., John Willey J.D., R. Dunstan I.G., C. Hudson D.C., J. M. Richards A.D.C., W. J. Winn, C. Trevithick, W. H. Eddy, and John Ellis Stewards, W. Hall Organist, Richard James Tyler. Bro. H. Trembath P.P.G. Purst. was appointed Steward of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Star Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served by Bro. F. J. Culley. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were drank, interspersed with harmony, and a pleasant evening was spent. This Lodge has been very prosperous for several years.

ALBANY LODGE.

THE installation of the W.M. of this Lodge took place on Tuesday, 28th December, at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. B. W. Tilley S.W. was duly installed as W.M. for the coming year. The ceremony was most ably and impressively performed by the outgoing W.M., Bro. I. Golden, who thus concluded, in a fitting manner, a year of hard work in the chair of the Lodge. The following brethren were appointed as Officers:—Bros. I. Golden I.P.M., T. Kentfield S.W., C. E. Look J.W., the Rev. E. W. Watts P.P.G.C. P.M. Chaplain, D. S. Pring P.M. Treasurer, C. T. Allen P.P.G.S.D. P.M. Secretary, W. C. Ross S.D., W. T. Way Buckell J.D., F. W. B. Waterworth I.G., J. Parkes P.P.G.S.P. P.M. D.C., J. Jones Organist, C. Knell Tyler, and Garham Steward. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to Warburton's Hotel for the annual banquet, Bro. T. E. Bull catering in his best style. A pleasant evening was spent.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1247.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes-place, Plymouth. After the accounts had been audited, it was announced that the Lodge had never been in a more satisfactory condition. The unanimously-elected W.M. P. G. L. Pearce was most impressively installed by Wor. Bro. John Russell Lord P.M. P.G.S.B., assisted by Wor. Bros. Byron Elliott W.M. and J. Rendle P.M. Secretary. After the installation, the Officers appointed and invested were—Wor. Bros. P. G. L. Pearce W.M., Byron Elliott I.P.M., Bros. J. Kinton Bond, B.A., B.Sc., S.W., R. A. Penrose J.W., J. R. Lord P.M. Treasurer, J. Rendle P.M. Secretary, J. Barter S.D., J. Elliott I.D., Alonzo Rider I.G., J. A. Christie, F.G.S., D.C., E. Snow Lancaster A.D.C., R. G. Uglow Org., T. R. E. Olver S. Steward, W. H. Hamblyn J. Steward, W. Phillips Tyler. The installation was made peculiarly interesting by a very choice selection of suitable music, under the direction of Wor. Bro. J. Hele, Mus. Bac. P.P.G.O.; Wor. Bros. J. Rendle P.M. Sec., G. Firks P.M., J. C. Fly Barter S.D. and Alonzo Rider rendered valuable assistance. A vote of thanks was given to Bro. Hele for his services, and the brethren of 1247—known as the musical Lodge of the West—fully sustained their high character. Wor. Bro. J. R. Lord is the representative on the Committee of Petitions. The banquet was fixed for Friday, 7th January, to be held at Bro. C. Walters, Farley Hotel.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—The members will re-assemble on Thursday next, the 12th instant, on which occasion the chair will be taken by Bro. C. E. Botley.

PRESENTATION IN DURHAM.

ON Thursday, 30th ult., an interesting ceremony took place at the residence of Bro. J. Fawcett, J.P., the occasion being the presentation of a beautifully illuminated address to that gentlemam on his relinquishing the office of Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Durham, a position which he had held for upwards of thirty-two years. The brethren deputed to make the presentation on behalf of the Province, and who were present, consisted of Bro. J. Wood P.P.G.W. Chairman of Committee (Newcastle), Rev. J. Cundill P.G.T. (Durham), M. Corbett P.S.G.D (Gateshead), W. H. Crookes P.G.S. (Sunderland), Robert Hudson P.G.D.C. (Sunderland), George Greenwell P.G.A.D.C. (Durham), W. Donkin P.G.P. (Durham), W. A. Malcolm P.P.G.P. (Durham), F. Maddison P.P.S.G.D. (Sunderland), W. Liddell P.M. (Sunderland), C. J. F. Fawcett P.P.S.G.W. (Durham), the Rev. W. Fawcett Past Grand Chaplain (Brancepeth), C. S. Lane P.J.G.D. (West Hartlepool), W. Bell Past Master 124 (Durham), and Bro. C. E. Barnes P.M. 1334 (Durham). Bro. Rev. J. Cundill P.G. Treasurer, was called upon by Bro. J. Wood to make the presentation, and in doing so referred to the excellent services rendered to Freemasonry by Bro. Fawcett, and to the proud position held by the Province of Durham in Masonic circles. Bro. Fawcett, in accepting the address, said it was with feelings of great regret that he had to relinquish the office of Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Durham, and was gratified to find that his efforts in connection with Freemasonry had met with approval, which was shown in the presentation of their very handsome address. The address, which is a magnificent specimen of art, was executed by Messrs. Marcus Ward and Co. of London. It was enclosed in a beautifully-carved massive oak frame, and is as follows:—

"To the Right Worshipful Bro. John Fawcett, J.P., Past Provincial Grand Master and Past Provincial Grand Superintendent of the Province of Durham.

"We, the Freemasons of the Province of Durham, on the occasion of your resigning the office of Provincial Grand Master, held by you for upwards of thirty-two years, respectfully beg you to accept this expression of our unfeigned regret and gratitude—of our regret for the loss of your valuable services; of our gratitude for the marked manner in which your lengthened and able administration has advanced and adorned our Order. The calm and wise judgment, gentlemanly courtesy, untiring and able energy, and unvarying impartiality and firmness exhibited by you in the discharge of your high and responsible office, deserve our warm thanks, and claim and have obtained our high admiration. We feel that the proud and influential position this Province now deservedly holds in the esteem of the Freemasons of England, a position far higher than any hitherto obtained by it, is in a great measure owing to you. That the Great Architect of the Universe may during your remaining years see fit to grant you all peace and happiness is our earnest prayer."

Besides the above inscription, the address was surmounted by Bro. Fawcett's coat of arms, and contains his portrait, a full list of the Lodges in the Province, with the date of creation, their Masters and Officers for the year, the names of each Chapter, and their Principals. After the toast of the Past Provincial Grand Master the brethren retired.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 4th January, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Clark W.M., Dignam S.W., Smyth J.W., Edwards S.D., Carr J.D., Christian I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, Wardell, Brasted, and Forss. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brasted acting as candidate. The W.M. worked the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Dignam was elected W.M. for next meeting.

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OUR SCHOOLS AND GRAND LODGE.

WE mentioned last week, quite incidentally, that we thought it would be as well if Grand Lodge contributed more liberally towards the support of our Girls' and Boys' Schools. We admitted that it was quite in the order of things that, as the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was mainly the offspring of Grand Lodge, it was the unquestioned duty of the latter to extend towards it such support as it deemed necessary. There is, also, a further reason why the Benevolent should receive every possible pecuniary encouragement from Grand Lodge, viz., that by providing annuities for our aged and indigent brethren and their widows, it relieves, to a considerable extent, the pressure on the funds of the Lodge of Benevolence. But, while we most readily and unreservedly admit that the Benevolent is fully entitled to all the support it receives, we see no reason why Grand Lodge should not behave with something like a corresponding liberality to the other two Institutions. We noted, in passing, that in the year 1839, Grand Lodge compounded, as it were, for its previous contributions to each School, by agreeing to pay annually the sum of £150. Grand Chapter has followed this good example by an annual contribution to each of ten guineas. On the other hand, the Benevolent is in receipt from these sources together of no less than £950, namely, £800 from Grand Lodge, and £150 from Grand Chapter. In other words, this latter Institution enjoys an annuity which is about three times as much as the annuities enjoyed by the other two Charities. Let us now particularise the grants which have been made from time to time by Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter respectively to the Schools and the Benevolent.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls had received from Grand Lodge, up to the year 1838 inclusive, contributions amounting in the aggregate to £3,580. Our figures, be it remarked, are taken from an official source, namely, the "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book for 1881." In 1839, as already pointed out, it had granted to it an annual contribution of £150, and this amount it still continues to receive, in the face of the two important facts, that the number of pupils is largely in excess of what it was in the year the grant was made, and that the funds at the disposal of Grand Lodge have also increased amazingly. In the year 1842, the sum of £500 was voted to the Fund for Repair of Building; and in 1854, a further £350 to the Building Fund. In 1856, a grant was made of £1,000. Thus in the last forty-two years the Girls' School has received from Grand Lodge £6,300, being the aggregate of the annual grants; £850 for the Building and Repair of Building Funds, and £1,000, making a total of £8,150, or an average of rather less than £200 per annum. From Grand Chapter it has received grants amounting to £2,300—namely, £500 in 1868, £500 in 1873, £500 in 1874, £500 (Consols) in 1878, and £300 in 1880, together with the annual vote of £10 10s, which, in the event of its having been continued for the same period, represents £441, thus raising the contributions of Grand Chapter to £2,741, and the total from both sources to £10,891. Including contributions before 1839, the Boys' School has had altogether £14,471.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, up to the year 1838, had received from Grand Lodge contributions amounting in the aggregate to £3,533. In 1839 was voted the annual sum, still continued, of £150. This gives for the forty-two years £6,300, as in the case of the Girls' School. Other and special grants are as follow:—In 1853, £500 to Fund for Repair of Building; in 1854, £350 to Building Fund; and in 1856, £1,000 to ditto, or £1,850 towards Repair and Building Funds. The total from Grand Lodge for the forty-two years is, as in the case of the Girls 'School, £8,150, and with contributions before 1839, £11,683. From Grand Chapter it has received £2,800, namely, £1,000 in 1867 towards Building Fund; in 1873, £500; in 1874, £500; in 1878, £500 Consols; and in 1880, £300, together with the Annuity of Ten Guineas, amounting, for say forty-two years, to £441. This gives a grand total from both sources of £14,924. Thus Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter between them have given to our Boys' and Girls' Schools, from first to last, £29,395, viz.—Grand Lodge in all £23,413, and Grand Chapter £5,982.

The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was established in 1842, when Grand Lodge voted an annual Grant of £400. In 1849 was added the Widow's Fund, and Grand Lodge voted £100 per annum. The latter was further increased by £100 per annum in 1855, and by another £100 in 1858, making a total to Female Fund of £300 per annum. In 1858 the Male Fund received a further Grant of £100 per annum, making a total of £500 per annum, or for the two funds together, £800. The aggregate of these several Annuities for the periods over which they have been granted, amount to £25,300, or an average per annum of as nearly as possible £666. Its special Grants have been as follow: £500 to Fund for Repair of Building in 1850, when the Masonic Asylum, Croydon, and the Benevolent Institution were amalgamated, and in 1854, £350 to Building Fund, making together £850; in 1856, £1,000 and £500 to Widows' Fund, or together, £1,500, making a total from Grand Lodge of £27,650. In 1847, Grand Chapter voted £100 per annum, which in 1849 was increased by £35 to Widows' Fund, and by a further £15 to same Fund in 1856. These several annuities, amounting now, as in 1856, to £150, have yielded altogether £3,545. Its special grants have been—in 1868, £500 and £500 to Widows' Fund; in 1873, £500; in 1874, £500; in 1878, £500 (Consols), and £500 (Consols) to Widows' Fund; and in 1880, £300; in all £3,300, making a total of £8,845. Putting Grand Lodge's and Grand Chapter's contributions together, we find they amount to £34,495, or £5,100 more than the Schools have received altogether. Having regard to the number of years which each Institution has existed, we find that the Girls' School, founded in 1788, has received from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter an average per annum of over £157. The Boys' School, founded in 1798, has received £182 per annum; and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, founded in 1842, over £907 per annum. Now, as we said last week, we do not wish that Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter should apportion its annual grants equally among all three Charities. We fully recognise that its own offspring, the Benevolent, of which it has so much reason to be proud, should receive the largest amount of contribution. But so vast a disproportion between it and the Schools should not be continued any longer. There should be the same liberality of spirit displayed towards all three Institutions, and if Grand Lodge converted its annual £150 to each School into £500, and Grand Chapter its annual ten guineas to each into £50, the Schools would benefit very materially, while the funds of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter would scarcely feel the additional burdens thus cast upon them. We trust the subject will be taken up

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and pressed upon the notice of those two bodies. We feel sure they only need the offer of a favourable opportunity in order to at once do a most graceful and serviceable act most gracefully.

THE ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MASONIC SCHOOLS.

WITHIN the last few months we have deemed it our duty to lay most forcibly before the Masonic world certain facts connected with the qualification of candidates for admission into our Boys' School. We attach no special blame to the Committee who pass the petitions, and may be said to do all that the laws require of them; but it is very certain that something is wrong, or it would have been impossible for such scandals to have occurred as that to which we drew attention in October, and which, on Monday last, was submitted to the Quarterly General Court of the Boys' School for final decision. What that decision would have been, we should have imagined, was incapable of question; but the action of some of the brethren who were present at the General Committee Meeting of the Institution held the previous Saturday, and of the members of the House Committee who were instructed to inquire into the merits of the case, proved otherwise, and the matter resolved itself into one on which the general body of the subscribers were called upon to adjudicate. Although we imagine most of our readers are well acquainted with the case in question, it may be as well to again lay the facts briefly before them before we proceed further.

On the 16th of November 1878, Brother Francis Collingwood died, leaving four children, one of whom has since come of age, while another has married. During the year ensuing the decease of Bro. Collingwood, a petition was presented to the Boys' School on behalf of one of his sons—Arthur Harvey Collingwood. The petition having been approved, the lad was placed on the ballot paper for the April election of 1880, and on that occasion 743 votes were recorded on his behalf. In the early part of the year, viz., in February 1880, letters of administration were granted to the widow of Bro. Collingwood, who proved the estate of her deceased husband as being under £9000. Such being the case, we pointed out that some explanation was due to the subscribers of the Boys' School before the lad was admitted, it being absurd to imagine that the benefits of the Institutions were ever intended for the assistance of families in possession of anything like the income it was fair to assume the Collingwoods enjoyed. In support of this theory we have only to refer to the action taken at the last October Quarterly Court, when the House Committee was instructed to inquire into the facts of the case, and report thereon to the Court to be held on the 10th inst. That report, and a recommendation based on it, were submitted to the General Committee, on Saturday, 1st inst., and it is to that report and recommendation we will now give consideration. As we have said, the estate of Bro. Collingwood was proved as being under £9000, but, as is common in such cases, the first declaration has been amended, and to-day we are in possession of information from which we gather, that Mrs. Collingwood has, in her own right, property of the value of £1927, that is, £1170 in cash, and £757 due on bills current. In addition to this, a sum of £2127 stands invested, one-half of which amount is for the benefit of the lad Arthur Harvey Collingwood, on whose behalf the petition was presented to the Boys' School. The interest thereon is to be applied during his minority to pay for his education and maintenance, and the principal sum to revert to him on his coming of age. The other half is to be applied in like manner for the benefit of another child, still under age. It will thus be seen that the mother and these two children have between them a capital sum of £4054, and that without taking into consideration the amount that has been paid to the other children who, having attained their majority, were entitled to their respective shares of the testator's property, and who, we consider, have as much right to be called on to contribute to their mother's assistance as have the generously disposed of the Masonic Craft.

We should have imagined that the House Committee, having possessed themselves of this information, would have unanimously advised that the lad be disqualified, but such was not the case; they even recommended the opposite, and suggested that he be admitted. The reason for this step we are at a loss to comprehend, unless they consider themselves in a measure pledged to uphold what had already been done, or were desirous of obtaining the opinion of the general body of the subscribers on the subject, as a test question between themselves and the constituency they represent. The General Committee of the Institution declined to endorse the recommendation of the House Committee, and thus the question went before the subscribers, with the result that, after a most animated discussion, in which opinions were strongly expressed against the eligibility of the candidate, it was deemed prudent, by Bro. Girling, who had charge of the case, to decline, on behalf of the lad, any benefits the School might be able to offer. The solution of the difficulty, as thus obtained, was satisfactory in one way, but most objectionable in another, as the subject of the eligibility of such candidates is virtually still an open question; whereas, had Bro. Girling allowed the vote to be taken on the merits of the case, it would have been decided authoritatively once and for all. By this we do not intend to convey that there was any doubt as to the result—Bro. Girling saw that, before he so contemptuously renounced the benefits he and others had strenuously sought for—but now the record stands that the lad's name was erased from the list of successful candidates, after his friends had announced their withdrawal, on his behalf, of all their claims; and it may be urged on some future occasion that this course was adopted, not from the fact of his ineligibility, but because his friends thought fit to withdraw him, and that it was deemed necessary for the meeting to endorse the decision by vote as a mere matter of form. We trust such a rendering of the records of last Monday's meeting will never occur, or indeed that the benefits of our Schools will never again be sought on behalf of a child so unfitted to receive them as young Collingwood. Taking into consideration the termination of this most unpleasant affair, we shall refrain from further commenting on the conduct of the family who have endeavoured to divert the outcome of Masonic benevolence to a wrong use; but we should like to know how they reconcile the facts of the case with the statement contained in the ballot papers, to the effect that four children were dependent on the widow, when in reality two were over the age of twenty-one years, and *all* are provided for out of the proceeds of their late father's estate. The question whether the possession of property will, in future, debar persons from applying to the Masonic Schools for relief is one which must be settled ere long; and if it be found necessary to alter the laws in any respect, the sooner the change is commenced the better it will be. In these remarks we have not taken any notice of the arguments used in favour of the admission of the lad—and there were some brethren who spoke strongly on the subject—preferring to leave the discussion of them to some future occasion, when we hope all will be able to approach the question at issue on its merits, without any feeling on the part of Collingwood's supporters that a "spirit of animosity" is urging us to do what we deem to be our duty to the Masonic Brotherhood and the Charities it supports.

THE GRILL ROOM AT THE ANGEL, ISLINGTON.

SO long as London remains the huge metropolis it is, so long will there be in its different districts certain central points of attraction, to which particular lines of traffic, both of foot passengers and vehicles, will converge. There is, perhaps, between the tendency of the present generation towards the removal of old land-marks, and the exigencies of a hugely overgrown city, which is always growing still more huge, a possibility that the old buildings which mark these different centres will give place to new ones, or be improved off the face of the earth, leaving nothing but their names behind. But however changed they may be in appearance, the centres were originally selected with so much judgment, that they bid fair to remain always. There is no longer a Flower-pot in Bishopsgate Street, but the ground on which it stood is still a starting-point for the traffic between the Northern and North-Eastern suburbs and the East of the City. Temple Bar has gone the way of other City gates, and the memorial which marks the western limit of the Lord Mayor's jurisdiction may follow in its footsteps, but the boundary will always remain. The Horns, Kennington, the Royal Oak, Westbourne Park, and the Mother Redcap, may cease to exist, yet the centres will be retained, as has been that of Charing Cross and others that might be named. Chalk Farm, with its associations of the duello, has passed away, but it remains in all its pristine glory of a land-mark to the inhabitants of North-Western London. And so it will be with the Angel, Islington, whither converges and whence diverges pretty well all the lines of vehicular

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traffic in London. You can reach the Angel from anywhere, and conversely you can reach anywhere from the Angel. On the busier nights of the week all the year, and especially at particular seasons, the neighbourhood offers a spectacle that is well worth seeing, with its numerous omnibuses and tram-cars, cabs, carriages, wagons, carts, and other vehicles incessantly passing to and fro, and its overcrowded pavements, while the Angel itself, as the centre of all this traffic, is perhaps the greatest sight of all. All its compartments are thronged with people anxious to obtain the much-needed refreshment of food or drink. The country cousin who makes this famous hostelry his head-quarters when visiting London, is sure to fare well. Indeed, the regular and the casual customer, the occasional passer-by, as well as the *habitué*, all find the accommodation they need is kept upon the largest and most liberal scale, and especially since our worthy Bro. Baker has become the proprietor. It was an hotel and tavern before he became its master, and an hotel and tavern it still remains under his management.

But Bro. Baker never allows the grass to grow under his feet. No sooner was he installed in the proprietorship than he set to work introducing a series of changes, and as all these changes have been carried out on a uniform and comprehensive plan, it is needless to say that the Angel of to-day is a very different kind of place from the Angel of a short time back. The congestion of buildings from which London especially, and all but its remoter suburbs suffer, is such that the expansion or outward growth of an habitable dwelling is out of the question. But it often happens that by a greater economy of space, and a most cunning utilisation of the existing premises, a greater amount of accommodation can be obtained. Other improvements are also found possible. There is a more numerous body of attendants, the quality of the liquors is improved, the viands are better dressed, the tariff of charges is amended, so as to meet the requirements of all classes of customers; while a general air of neatness and elegance pervades the whole of the establishment. All this has happened at the Angel since Bro. Baker came to preside over its fortunes, and those of our readers who live in, or have occasion to pass through, the neighbourhood have only to step within its hospitable gates in order to judge for themselves of the correctness of our statement. If, however, they are minded to do this thoroughly, they should do it when they have an hour to spare, and the desire is upon them to satisfy the cravings of hunger. Let them enter the new Grill Room, on which Bro. Baker must have expended a very considerable sum of money. No matter what day or what time of the day they may happen to select, they will find an ample and varied bill of fare, of excellent quality, and promptly as well as admirably served. The beverages they may call for are in keeping as regards quality, and the charges are very moderate. We have ourselves been in for the purpose of testing the quality and price of the provisions which are served to customers in this compartment, so that we are speaking from personal experience when we say that in no house in London of a similar kind can a better served luncheon, dinner, or supper be had at a more moderate charge than in the new grill room of the Angel, Islington, with Bro. Baker as its presiding deity. But strong as are the recommendations we have just stated, something remains to be said of the room itself, its fittings, and appointments. We have already remarked casually that Bro. Baker must have expended a very large sum of money on the room, and we venture to say he has spent it both wisely and well. It is a perfect picture of comfort—a commodious apartment, lofty and well proportioned, thoroughly well ventilated, and containing a sufficient number of conveniently arranged tables to allow of about fifty gentlemen lunching or dining together without any crowding whatever. Each table is well furnished with the usual appointments in the shape of table linen, cutlery, glass, &c. &c. The chairs are comfortable, and the attendance prompt. Moreover, the room is as well lighted as it is ventilated, while the large silver grill, with its attendant chef in appropriate costume and surrounded by the necessary paraphernalia, is in a room apart, fitted for grilling, so that though the pleasant operation of preparing the chop or steak for table may be witnessed through the handsome glass partition which separates the two apartments, the appetite is not spoiled by the smell of the cookery. So far we have spoken of the conveniences and proportions of the rooms. We must add a few words as to the artistic elegance of its decorations. The walls are faced with Minton's tiles, on which, in twelve compartments, are depicted as many episodes illustrating the story of the Maid of Islington, as handed down to us in the well known ballad of the name. The groundwork on which these twelve panels or compartments are represented, is fitted with a mass of beautiful tracery, in the tone and colours of which the artist has been most successful. The ceiling also is most beautifully decorated, by means of a patent process, in perfect harmony with the walls. Indeed, it is hardly possible to do full justice in words to the taste exhibited in the conception of the decorations and the elegance with which they have been carried out. London can now boast of many restaurants and similar establishments, in which it would be difficult to say whether of the two is the more praiseworthy, the exceeding elegance of the decorations, or the comfort and convenience of the appointments and fittings; and in which, at the same time, the utmost pains are taken to meet the varied and often capricious tastes of the many-headed public, by purveying the best of food, both solid and fluid, at a moderate tariff. In the category of these establishments must now be included the Angel Inn, Islington, with its elegant and commodious new Grill Room.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Rheumatic Gout are the most dreaded of all diseases, because their victims know that they are safe at no season, and at no age secure. Holloway's Ointment, after fomentation of the painful parts, gives greater relief than any other application; but it must be diligently used to obtain this desirable result. It has been highly commended by rheumatic subjects of all ages and of both sexes, for rendering their attack less frequent and less vigorous, and for repressing the sour perspiratic ns and soothing the nerves. In many cases, Holloway's Ointment and Pills have proved the greatest blessings in removing Rheumatism and Rheumatic Gout which had assailed persons previously and in the prime of life.

It was almost a foregone conclusion that the motion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart to the effect that an honorarium of £200 should be granted out of the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys to its able and indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Binckes, for his valued services during the last twenty years, should be carried with acclamation. We have said that to indulge in over-praise of any one is distasteful, as, in very truth, it is unworthy of a true Freemason. But services such as Bro. Binckes has rendered to our Boys' School are calculated to evoke expressions of enthusiasm as well as of sympathy and praise, and even those who are acquainted with the particulars of what he has done, may be pardoned if, in his case, they exceed the ordinary limits of commendation. Bro. Binckes, in the course of his Secretaryship, has been the principal means of diverting into the coffers of the Masonic Boys' School upwards of £192,000—that is, on an average, very little short of £10,000 per annum. The stock sold towards the erection of the buildings has been more than replaced, and where there were under a hundred pupils when he entered upon his duties, there are now considerably over two hundred to be fed, clothed, and educated at the expense of the Craft. Such services as these are invaluable; no *just* recognition is possible. But a graceful vote, such as was passed on Monday at the Quarterly Court, may be taken as indicative of the sense entertained by the whole English Craft of Bro. Binckes's zeal and labours during the last twenty years. In this sense it is that we congratulate him on the just tribute of honour and respect so recently paid him by the governing bodies of the Boys' School.

We have, it seems, slightly over-estimated the length of time during which Bro. Binckes has been connected with the Boys' School. He was elected in June 1861, and the Anniversary Festival for that year, which yielded about £1640, was held in the March preceding. Still, we take it that from 1861 to 1880, both inclusive, the work done is virtually Bro. Binckes's. What that has been will be best shown by the following figures. In the five years to 1865 inclusive the receipts amounted to £31,478; during 1866-70 to £43,807; 1871-5 to £52,756; and from 1876 to 1880 to £64,276. The last period represents the amount of donations and subscriptions only! Taking the whole period the receipts are £192,317. No further justification of Monday's vote is necessary.

Monday's Quarterly Court of the Boys' School was, according to all accounts, a bear-garden affair. The most unparliamentary expressions were freely interchanged, and the kindly tact of the Chairman was somewhat severely taxed in order to maintain decorum. One brother—we believe it was Bro. Girling—went so far as to say, in effect, that he had qualified as Vice-President with a view, in the event of his prior decease, to his widow and children offering themselves as candidates for the benefits conferred by our Institutions. If this is a correct version of Bro. Girling's ideas on the subject, he has evidently confounded Freemasonry with a common Benefit Society.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held yesterday (Friday). We understand that Bro. Terry, the energetic Secretary, has secured the names of 258 brethren to act as Stewards, and he hopes that this large number will be considerably augmented before the day of the Festival arrives.

The election meeting of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, was held on Tuesday evening, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. Bro. W. Radcliffe W.M. occupied the chair, and there was, as is usual on these occasions, a full attendance of members. We have great pleasure in announcing that Bro. Dr. John Waters S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and that Bro. Charles Greenwood G.S.B. was re-elected Treasurer. It was resolved that a Past Master's jewel should be given to the retiring Master, Bro. Radcliffe, in recognition of his able services during the year which is now on the eve of closing.

DEATH.

MORGAN.—On Wednesday, 5th inst., at Brynmawr, South Wales, Mr. EVAN MORGAN, in the 87th year of his age.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ST. JAMES'S UNION LODGE, NO. 180.

THE installation meeting was held on the 11th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. Bro. E. Farwig P.M. in the absence of the W.M. occupied the chair, Bros. C. J. Wade S.W., Fletcher J.W., Robinson P.M. Treas., W. C. Parsons P.M. Sec., Wood P.M. S.D., Baker J.D., Maxted I.G.; P.M.'s L. Herf, Stonor, Cameron, Pillin. The Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Sykes answered the usual questions in a satisfactory manner and was raised by the acting W.M. Each Officer showed himself capable of performing his duties. The report of the Audit Committee was read; it showed the Lodge was in a flourishing state. The balance in hand for the Benevolent Fund was £171 7s 11d. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. C. J. Wade S.W. and W.M. elect was presented and duly installed into the chair by Bro. E. Farwig. There were 18 W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. On the readmission of the brethren, the W.M. was regularly saluted, and he appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. Stonor P.M. as I.P.M., Fletcher S.W., Wood J.W., J. Miles Treasurer, W. C. Parsons P.M. Sec., W. H. Baker S.D., Maxted J.D. Chester I.G., E. Farwig P.M. D.C., L. Herf P.M., W. S. Denne A.W.S., Gilbert Prov. G.T. Middlesex Tyler. The selection made by the W.M. seemed eminently satisfactory to the Lodge. Bro. Levitt was elected a country member. A letter was read from the I.P.M. regretting his inability to be present. The widow of a deceased brother was relieved, the sum of £10 being voted from the Lodge Benevolent fund. Bro. E. Farwig P.M. stated he was pleased to say he would represent the Lodge as Steward at the Annual Festival for Boys, and Bro. Miles Treas. proposed the sum of £10 10s be placed on his list. This proposition was carried, and then Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to the Crown room, where a sumptuous banquet and dessert was provided by Bro. A. Best, served by Bro. Dawkins. Grace having been sung, the W.M., in genial terms, proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. The National Anthem was then given, Miss Winifred Leigh singing the solo verses. The toast of H.R.H. The M.W. G.M. The Prince of Wales followed, and then the Pro G.M. and the R.W. the Deputy G.M. the Earl of Lathom were honoured, the W.M. regretting there were no Grand Officers present to respond. After a song by Bro. Arthur Thomas, Bro. Stonor P.M. rose. The W.M. had passed the gavel to him. He should commence his remarks by saying how creditably Bro. Wade had performed every duty required of him in the several offices he had held. These duties had been so admirably fulfilled that the brethren were warranted in electing him W.M., and he (Bro. Stonor) could predict that under his auspices a good and prosperous year would result. Miss Winifred Leigh here favoured the brethren with a song, in which she was accompanied by Bro. Kift. The W.M., in reply, had to thank the brethren for the reception they had given him. the words of the song they had just listened to—"When the heart is young"—were appropriate. When he was installed he had remarked that he would be proud to be Master of a Lodge; he had attained that position, thanks to the confidence the members reposed in him. He could assure them that the same way in which he had filled the minor offices, so he hoped to fill the exalted position of W.M. He fully appreciated the unanimous vote by which the brethren had placed him in the chair—he would strive to do the work to their satisfaction, and when he vacated it, he hoped it would be with the same good feeling as now pervaded the Lodge. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Visitors, and called on Bros. Sir Edward Lee No. 833, Baker 188, Thomas and Docker. After these brethren had suitably acknowledged the compliment, the W.M. proposed the health of the Installing Master Bro. Farwig. Those who had the pleasure of seeing him take the chair and raise the candidate, and afterwards instal the Worshipful Master, must have been gratified. Bro. Farwig was well known at Lodges of Instruction. He (the Worshipful Master) had to thank him for the knowledge he had acquired, which had enabled him to perform the duties of the chair. Without further remarks he would call on the brethren to drink the toast. Bros. Arthur Thomas and Cantle here sang, "The Moon hath raised her Lamp;" and then Bro. Farwig P.M., in eloquent terms, responded. The Past Masters were next honoured, special mention being made of the zeal displayed by them, the W.M. remarking that without them the Lodge could not carry on its duties. Bro. Miles, who had that evening been invested with the collar of Treasurer, was the oldest member of the Lodge, and had done good service. All knew the qualifications of the worthy Secretary, Bro. Parsons. Other of the Past Masters have been well tried, and during his year of office he was sure he could look to them for assistance if he required it. Bro. Pillon responded to this toast, and he was followed by several others. The Wardens and Junior Officers were not overlooked, the W.M. expressing his confidence in the ability each would display for the advantage of the Lodge and its members. In due course the Tyler gave the parting toast. Among the Visitors were Bros. Digby P.M. 933, R. Baker W.M. 188, J. E. Shand W.M. 1563, W. Hammond W.M. 1765, J. I. Cantle P.M. 1257, Lear Drew P.M. 157, Dawes 619, Donald 205, Birdseye P.M. 715, A. Godfrey 193, Sir Edward Lee 833, W. Joyce, Roberts 861, Cockshott 1257, Wandover 1491, E. Davis 619, Crosse P.M. 25, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Docker W.M. 1687, Koch P.M., Kift, Thomas, Farley 1361, Hewett 254, Moore 1201, Wilkins 948, Tracher 96, Thomas P.M. 1446.

LODGE OF SINCERITY, No. 189.

THE half-yearly banquet of the above Lodge was held on Monday evening, 10th inst., at Bro. Walter's, Farley Hotel, East Stonehouse. The Worshipful Master, Bro. Lieut.-Colonel H. C. Fitzgerald, presided, and he was supported by the W. Bros. J. E. Curtois P.M. P.P.S.G.W., T. S. Bayly P.M. P.P.G.T., Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.M. P.P.G.C., A. Latimer P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Spence-Bate P.M. P.P.G.R. Geo. Jackson, M.D., P.M., G. F. Barrett W.M. 1255, all of Lodge 189; S. Jew P.M. 70 P.P.G.T., J. B. Gover P.M. P.P.A.D.C., E. Aitkin-Davies P.M. 1055 P.P.G.S. Wks., J. H. Keats P.M. 1247, W. Spooner-Langford 938, C. Rodda W.M. 105, A. Ralph, G. Hawken I.G., A. H. Swiss, J. Rogers P.M. 202 P.P.G.A.T. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were appropriately honoured, the musical responses being conducted by W. Bro. Jew.

LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 309.

THE ceremony of installing the W.M. of this Lodge for the ensuing year took place at the Red Lion Hotel, Fareham, on Thursday evening, 6th inst. The choice of the Lodge had fallen unanimously upon Bro. the Rev. A. Arthur Headley P.G. Chaplain Hants and Isle of Wight, who, during the previous year, had filled the office of S.W. The ceremony of installation was performed, according to ancient custom, by Bro. Arthur R. Holbrook, the retiring W.M., and at the conclusion the Officers for the year ensuing were appointed and invested in the following order:—Bros. A. R. Holbrook I.P.M., J. R. Hayman W.M. 257 S.W., Ernest Hall J.W., Rev. A. C. Hervey Chaplain and J.D., J. B. Goldsmith P.M. Treas., W. G. Heath Secretary, E. Goldsmith S.D., J. W. Gieve I.G., T. J. Hooper D.C., D. G. Gilmour and W. A. Hill Stewards, R. Eames Tyler. Before the ceremony, Bro. Holbrook presented to the Hon. Sec. (Bro. Heath), in the name of the Lodge, a very handsome jewel, in recognition of the ability with which he had fulfilled his duty as Hon. Secretary to the Lodge for many years. It was resolved, on the motion of Bro. J. Taylor P.M., that the thanks of the Lodge, together with a P.M.'s jewel, be presented to Bro. A. R. Holbrook, the retiring W.M., for the manner in which he had carried out his duties during the year and the ceremony of installation that evening. After the business the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by the Misses White.

PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 496.

THE annual festival of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 11th inst., at St. Austell, when Bro. J. W. Higman the W.M. elect was ably and impressively installed, in the presence of the following Board of I.M.'s:—W. Bros. Sir C. B. G. Sawle Bart. D.P.G.M. Cornwall, W. P. Smith P.P.G.S. of Works, 856 Lostwithiel, F. B. Williams P.P.G.S.B. 977, Fowey, Nettle P.G.S.M. 510, St. Martins, Liskeard, Guy P.P.G.D.C., C. Truscott jun. P.P.G.S.B., F. B. Paul P.P.G. Chaplain, T. H. Lukes P.G.S., P. Giles P.P.G. Steward, A. Luke W.M. 977, Fowey, Jno. O. Job P.M. 496, T. J. Smith P.M. 496. The W.M. appointed the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. C. Tozer S.W., J. Brewer J.W., Rev. F. B. Paul P.M. Chaplain, W. Guy P.M. Treasurer, J. G. Blight Secretary, B. Houseley S.D., W. T. Trednick J.D., H. Harris I.G., James McLurk D.C., Bros. Watts and Bunt Stewards, and Real Tyler. Bro. Guy was re-elected Steward of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund. A banquet was served at W. Bro. Luke's, White Hart Hotel, at which, in addition to the before-mentioned brethren, the following visitors attended:—Bros. Treffry J.D., Chines 977 Fowey, Dyke P.M., and J. H. Hoit J.W. 856 Lostwithiel.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

THE installation meeting was held on the 6th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. T. W. Cooper W.M., E. Child S.W., E. Humphreys J.W., J. Kench G.P. Treasurer, J. B. Sly P.M. Secretary, Swears S.D., J. Skinner J.D., Bowman I.G., M. Powis Bale Organist; P.M.'s J. Quitman, Wolters, Langdon, and C. Burmeister. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Schlaepper was passed to the second degree. A ballot was taken for Mr. W. C. Burt, as a candidate for initiation. It was unanimous in his favour, and he was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order. Both ceremonies were perfectly and impressively rendered by the W.M. Bro. Pfister, of the Burgoyne Lodge, was elected a joining member. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted; it showed the Lodge was in a flourishing state. A board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. E. Child S.W. and W.M. elect was presented and duly installed into the chair by Bro. James Kench P.M. G.P. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Kench was warmly congratulated by the brethren and visitors. After the customary salutations, the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers—T. W. Cooper I.P.M., E. Humphreys S.W., Skinner J.W., J. Kench G.P. Treasurer, J. B. Sly P.M. Secretary, Bauman S.D., Palmer J.D., Langdon I.G., Elvin D.C., Bale Organist, Shott W.S., Carl Quitman S.S., and Church Tyler. The W.M., in the name of the Lodge, presented the I.P.M., Bro. T. W. Cooper, with an elegant jewel, with suitable inscription, for the able and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of Master during his year of office, and in token of the regard and esteem in which he was held by the members. The W.M., in presenting the jewel, hoped Bro. Cooper might live for many years to wear it, as a Past Master of the Lodge. After Bro. Cooper had acknowledged and thanked the brethren for their valuable gift, Lodge was closed. The banquet was admirably served by Bro. Alfred Best, and the brethren did ample justice to the good things provided. On the removal of the cloth, the Loyal toasts were given, and the brethren paid them full honour. With that of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, the W.M. coupled the name of a Past Master of the Lodge, who is Grand Pursuivant of the year. The Lodge was also honoured with the presence of a visitor, Bro. Wilson P.G.P., whom the members were all pleased to see among them. Bros. Kench and Wilson responded. After a

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song by Bro. Bale, who was ably accompanied by Bro. Seymour Smith, Bro. Cooper I.P.M., with great pleasure, rose to propose the health of the W.M. Bro. Child had worked in every office: he had now attained the proud position of Master, and though he had as yet presided over them but a very short time, the brethren had seen his capacity. The members would, he was sure, support him during his year of office as they had the brother who had preceded him. After Bro. Seymour Smith had favoured the brethren with his ever popular song, "Mrs. Brown's Dinner Party," the W.M. replied. He had to return his heartfelt thanks for the manner in which his health had been proposed. His first feeling was one of gratitude to them for electing him as W.M. He was sure the officers he had selected would support him, and that he should be able to carry out the duties of the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. They had many distinguished brethren who had honoured them by their presence; the members were pleased to see them all. However, many there would miss one familiar face; one who had frequently visited them; one whose genial face was always welcome; the brother he referred to had been called away by death,—their late respected Bro. Davis. May his soul rest in peace! However, he would pass from this mournful theme, and ask Bros. Wilson, Stamwitz, Cooper, and Levy to respond. The toast received full honours, and the several brethren mentioned heartily acknowled the kind reception that had been accorded them. The next toast was the health of the Immediate and other Past Masters. No better members than were to be found among that body could any Lodge possess. After a song by Bro. Lyon, Bro. Cooper responded. He felt it most pleasurable to join the ranks of the Past Masters of such a Lodge. Personally he did not think the new W.M. required much assistance; but should he at any time require them, the services of any of the P.M.'s were at his disposal. He might remark incidentally that the jewel they had presented to him (Bro. Cooper) would always be prized, and, he hoped, in due course would be handed down to his children. He trusted he might be spared to wear it with them many years. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Kench and Sly, remarked that these worthy brethren had already been included with the Past Masters. In their individual capacities, no better working officers could be found; indeed, the Lodge might feel itself honoured by their acceptance of office. In responding, Bro. Kench said Bro. Quitman had signified his intention to act as Steward for the Boys' School; he trusted the brethren would support him so that the Lodge might not be ashamed of the amount subscribed. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the Officers said no better workers could be found than Bros. Humphreys and Skinner the S.W. and J.W. They, as well as the Juniors, knew their duties thoroughly; he hoped each would eventually occupy the chair. The toast was responded to, and Bro. Langdon Dawke had great pleasure in informing the brethren that £5 5s, from the Lodge of Instruction, would be placed on the list of Bros. Kench and Quitman, joint Stewards. The Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated after having spent a most harmonious and enjoyable evening The Visitors were—Bros. W. Wilson P.G.P., G. L. Lyons 1765, R. F. Gunnell 1441, H. J. Dean 45, E. Stamwitz P.M. 435, S. Cooper W.M. 1637, Seymour Smith 742, Verity, M. C. George 946, H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

HANLEY LODGE, No. 797, DARTMOUTH.

THE annual meeting was held on Monday, 10th inst. The Lodge was Tyled at high twelve, the W.M. elect Bro. Walter G. Owens having been duly presented, was regularly installed in the chair of King Solomon, according to ancient custom. The ceremony of installation was admirably worked by Bro. W. H. Goodridge P.M. P.G. Steward, assisted by Bro. S. B. Colston P.M. 248 P.P.G.S. Works, supported by a large number of Past Masters. The W.M. then invested the Officers for the year as follow:—Bros. W. H. Probert I.P.M., Jno. Constable S.W., J. B. Husband J.W., F. Lidstone P.M. P.P.G.S. Works Chaplain, J. H. Hurrell P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Goodridge P.M. P.G. Steward Secretary, E. C. Button S.D., C. Emmett J.D., S. Wotton I.G., J. Shuttlewood Tyler. After the business of the Lodge was over, the brethren adjourned to Whittle's Hotel, where they enjoyed a most sumptuous repast, served up in Host Wittle's excellent style. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the musical responses being conducted by visiting brother Alfred Polybank, Devon Lodge, No. 1138.

GOSPORT LODGE, No. 903.

THE ceremony of installing the W.M. elect of this Lodge (Bro. Richard Wilton Downing) took place on Tuesday, 11th inst., at the Star Assembly Rooms, when there was a large muster of the Craft, including the following Installed Masters:—R. W. Bradley P.M. 257 P.P.G.S.W., G. F. Lancaster P.M. 903 P.P.G.D., J. Dyson P.M. P.P.G.D., A. L. Emanuel P.M. 1069 P.G.J.D., C. B. Whitcomb P.M. P.P.G.S., J. Wallingford P.M. P.P.G.W., E. S. Main P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Valentine Brown P.M., John Hall P.M., J. Malling P.M., A. R. Holbrook I.P.M. 309, George Grant I.P.M. 1705, G. R. Strick W.M. 1428, W. Dart W.M. 804, C. G. Adames W.M. 1776, W. Tuohy P.M. 1428, and R. Mitchell, the outgoing W.M. of the Lodge. There were also present Bros. Lieut.-Col. Harris (Commandant R.M.L.I.), R. Holbrook P.P.G.D.C., H. J. Dowse J.W. 257, H. Woodward S.W. 1428, T. Batchelor S.W. 1705, J. Howell, G. Pearman, J. Gentle, I. Simpson, J. Liddell, A. Knight, Walter Smith, F. Powell, J. Newberry, John Cox, J. Hibbs, J. W. Warden, G. Foster, Wood, Misselbrook, Dempsey, &c. The ceremony of installation was carried out in a most creditable manner by Bro. R. W. Mitchell, the retiring W.M., after which Bro. Downing appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. R. W. Mitchell I.P.M., F. Powell S.W., W. Brunwin J.W., V. Brown P.M. Treasurer, Walter Smith Secretary, W. Wood S.D., J. Dempsey J.D., S. Misselbrook Org., G. F. Lancaster P.M. D. Cer., J. Thornton I.G., T. Nichols and W. J. Smith Stewards, L. Canvin Tyler. A special vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Mitchell for the admirable manner in which he had performed the duties of Installing Master, and a P.M.'s jewel was presented to him in token of appreciation by the Lodge of his efficiency in the chair. The brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent banquet, provided at the India Arms Hotel, the new W.M. presiding.—*Portsmouth Times.*

SHIRLEY LODGE, No. 1112.

THE installation of Bro. C. Crew as W.M. of this Lodge for the ensuing year took place on Monday, the 3rd inst., at Portsmouth, the ceremony being performed by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, R.W. Bro. W. Hickman, J.P. The following brethren were appointed to the respective Offices:—Bros. Venables S.W., Brooks J.W., Greenslade Secretary, Rolfe Treasurer, Mayoss S.D., Mortimer I.G., Fletcher D.C., Sharpe J.D., Alden and W. Pearce Stewards, Simpson Organist, Vare Tyler. The usual charges following the installation were delivered by Bro. T. P. Payne (father-in-law of the newly-installed W.M.), with his accustomed ability. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented by the brethren to Bro. J. Parkinson, the retiring W.M., and at a previous meeting Bro. Hickman, a P.M. of the Lodge, was elected an honorary member.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1247.

THE annual festival of this Lodge was held at Bro. C. Walter's, Farley Hotel, on Friday, 7th inst. The Wor. Master Bro. P. G. L. Pearce, ably presided. He was supported by Wor. Bros. Byron Elliott I.P.M., J. Russell Lord, J. Fly, J. Firks, J. H. Keats, J. Kinton Bond, R. A. Penrose of Lodge 1247; R.W. Bros. Viscount Ebrington P.G.M. Devon, Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe P.G.M. Cornwall, and W. G. Rogers D.P.G.M. Devon; V.W. Bros. J. E. Curtois and Samuel Jew; Wor. Bros. L. D. Westcott, E. Aitken Davies, J. B. Gover, John Hele, Edwin Tout, William S. Hearder, R. Cawsey, George R. Barrett, L. J. Webber, R. C. Uglow, H. Barcham. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were interspersed with appropriate music. The performers were Bros. J. Hele, Mus. Bac., John Fly, J. Firks, J. Rendle, W. S. Hearder, Barter, Taylor, A. J. Rider, E. S. Lancaster, G. Brown. No notice of a meeting of this Lodge would be complete without allusion to Bros. Lord and Rendle—the Treasurer and Secretary—one looking after the finances, and the other the musical comforts; for the St. John's is the musical Lodge of Devon. The Worshipful Master during the evening presented a valuable Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., engraved as follows:—"Presented to W. Bro. B. R. P. Elliott by the brethren of Lodge 1247, to mark their appreciation of his zeal during his Mastership. A.L. 5880." The thanks of the Lodge were given to Bro. and Mrs. Walter for their care for the comfort of the brethren. The V.W. Bro. Curtois called the attention of the brethren to the concert in aid of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, for Wednesday, 26th January, when the brethren will, by the especial dispensation of the Prov. Grand Master, appear in Masonic clothing.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

A MEETING of this Lodge took place at York, on Monday 10th inst., when the W.M. Bro. J. T. Seller, presided, supported by Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. S. Cumberland P.M., Padel P.M., G. Balmford P.M., E. Simpson S.W., M. Millington J.W., A. T. B. Turner S.D., J. Blenkin J.D., W. Girling I.G., J. Kay Secretary, T. Humphries Assist. Sec., J. R. Jackson Assist. M.C., and about twenty other brethren. Instruction in the first degree was the business of the evening, after which some financial matters in connection with the Lodge came under discussion. Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. presented to the Lodge, on behalf of Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.M. P.P.G.W., a set of the new series of the "Rosicrucian Magazine," and a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Orde-Powlett. A candidate for Freemasonry was proposed, and Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards met at supper, and a most harmonious evening was spent.

YARBOROUGH LODGE, No. 554.

THE annual festival of this Lodge was celebrated on the 6th inst., at Bro. Alfred Walter's hostelry, the Green Dragon, Stepney, with the greatest *eclat*—close upon 100 brethren of all ranks joining in making it the most successful installation meeting on record. Bro. J. S. Taylor P.M. W.M. opened the Lodge at an early hour in the afternoon, for although an emergency meeting had judiciously lessened the business to be transacted, an initiation being expected rendered this step advisable. Bro. Ware was well supported by his Officers Bros. E. W. Walter S.W. and W.M. elect, Tait J.W., W. Cross S.D., Lineker J.D., J. Taylor I.G., J. R. Shingfield W.S., and a strong muster of Past Masters, members, and visitors. Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous and an emergency meeting were duly confirmed. The ballot was taken for a joining member, Bro. A. F. Pusey 1602, who was unanimously elected. The ballot was also taken for the admission of a candidate for Freemasonry which likewise proved favourable. The ceremony of installing Bro. Edward Wrainch Walter into the chair of K.S. was next proceeded with, Bro. J. G. Stevens Past Master and Treasurer acting as Installing Master. Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. officiated as D.C. in his usual courteous manner, Bro. J. J. Berry P.M. acted as I.G., and Bros. P.M. Wynne and Kindred acted as Senior and Junior Wardens, on the retirement of all below

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the rank of Installed Master. On the reassembling of the brethren according to rank, Bro. E. W. Walter was proclaimed W.M. of the Yarborough Lodge and saluted, this part of the ceremony being most effectively performed, Bro. Barnes marshalling the brethren to the lively strains from the instrument under the care of Bro. P.M. Seddon, Organist. The appointment and investiture of Officers was as follows:—Bros. Tait S.W., J. G. Stevens P.M. Treasurer (re-appointed), G. W. Verry P.M. Secretary (re-appointed), Lineker S.D., John Taylor J.D., J. R. Shingfield I.G., Hunt D.C., Seddon P.M. Organist (re-appointed), J. Speight Tyler (re-elected). Bro. Jennings was named as W.S., but was not able to be present. A word of praise is due to the W.M. for the very able manner in which he gave each Officer a *resumé* of the duties he would be required to discharge in the Lodge. The charges were next delivered to the W.M., the Wardens, and the brethren, by Bro. Stevens, in his usually effective and deliberate manner, and listened to with the utmost attention by nearly one hundred brethren. At its conclusion the silence gave place to a burst of well-merited applause as Bro. Stevens resumed his seat among his brother P.M.'s, of whom it was gratifying to see that all of that body now alive were present, to the number of one dozen. The pleasurable duty of presenting, in the name of the Lodge, a P.M. jewel to Bro. J. S. Taylor I.P.M. was next performed, and the recipient having expressed his high appreciation of this mark of esteem from the brethren, other business matters were disposed of, and Lodge was closed with prayer, and adjourned. The cordiality and harmony of this great gathering cannot fail to make this meeting memorable in the annals of the Lodge, as being characterised by real Masonic feeling, combined with the excellent working for which the Yarborough Lodge is famous. In connection with this we may mention, that the Worshipful Master and nearly all the Officers attend at the Lodge of Instruction, held on Tuesday evenings, of which Bro. J. J. Berry P.M. is the Preceptor. On repairing to the new *Salle à manger* the brethren found Bro. A. Walter engaged in arranging a problem of some difficulty. On the authority of Cocker, two into one won't go, but our worthy host having set the tables for about four score, found himself called upon, at the last moment, to seat an additional twenty. Thanks, however, to the resources of Bro. Host, the tact of the Past Masters, and the self-denial of two of the Junior Officers, all the guests were seated. Grace was said by Bro. Shaboe, and ample justice was done to a choice and varied *menu*, which was served under Bro. Walter's superintendence. After the banquet, the usual Loyal and Craft toasts were given, and met with a hearty response. In toasting the W.M., Bro. J. S. Taylor said, the brethren were all well aware for what purpose he held the gavel in his hand, for the first time as their I.P.M., and that it was his duty and privilege to propose the health of their W.M. They must all feel they were most fortunate in the choice of a W.M. He had worked through all grades from I.G., and he (Bro. Taylor) wished him every success. He had started fairly, had been honoured by a large attendance that evening, and he hoped when Bro. Walter left the chair he would have as large, or even a larger number of brethren to pay him and the Lodge a compliment. Bro. Walter here obliged by a capital rendering of the "Midshipmite." The W.M. then thanked the I.P.M. and brethen for the cordial manner in which the toast had been given and received. He assured them he had long aspired to work hard for the proud position he had just gained, and would strive to do all in his power to render his year of office a successful and satifactory one to the brethren. Bro. Walter concluded by thanking Bro. P.M. Stevens for the kind manner in which he had installed him that evening. After a song from Bro. P.M. Berry, Bro. Walter, in toasting the Past Masters, said they made a grand and imposing array. He was proud to say every P.M. living was present, from Bros. Wynn, Kindred, and Middleton. He esteemed it a very great honour to be supported by so many P.M.'s, all of whom had rendered whatever service the W.M. and the Lodge had required. Bro. P.M. J. H. Thorn sang the favourite song, "The Wolf," accompanied by Bro. Seddon, in his most able manner. After replies from several of the Past Masters, the Visitors were honoured, Bro. Sparks singing "The Pilgrim of Love" with much effect. This toast, the W.M. said, was a very important one indeed. He considered the Lodge was greatly honoured by the large number of brethren who had attended that evening. The toast was most heartily received, and after a song from Bro. Serjeant, Bro. P.M. Godwin responded for the toast. Bro. Greenwood favoured the brethren with a comical rendering of "The Merry Little Fat Grey Man." Introducing the Masonic Charities, the W.M. said he would abstain from saying much about them, as he was going to call upon Bros. G. Hollington and J. G. Stevens to speak fully upon the merits and claims of the three great Masonic Institutions. Bro. G. Hollington W.M. of the Doric Lodge was going to act as Steward for the Yarborough and Doric Lodges, Bro. P.M. Stevens was also going up again for the Old People. Bro. Hollington being called on to respond to the toast, said he thought the reply had better come from Bro. Stevens, who had gained much experience. Bro. Stevens thus appealed to, gave the brethren an exhaustive account of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, finishing by making a serious claim upon the brethren of the Yarborough Lodge for their support, and with much chivalrous feeling he powerfully solicited on behalf of Bro. Hollington's list. The Lodge had granted a ten guinea donation previously. The toast of the Officers was next honoured, and responded to. The hour waxing late, the Tyler was summoned, and the final toast given. Great credit is due to Bro. Walter for making the brethren so comfortable, and a word of praise is due to Bros. J. Taylor J.D. and J. R. Shingfield I.G. for their untiring exertions as Stewards throughout the evening to minister to the wants of the brethren and visitors. A more happy and pleasant evening could hardly have been spent, while Bro. Seddon's exertions added much to the general enjoyment. In the absence of the Signature Book, our list of Visitors is unavoidably a partial one. The following brethren were observed among that numerous body:—Past Masters Bros. Rev. D. Shaboe P.P.G. Chaplain, Godwin, Taplay W.M. 1076, H. N. Taylor W.M. 1421, J. W. Hobbs, G. Hollington W.M. 933, A. Robbins, Musto 1349, Bowron 933, Wainwright 933, Maidwell 27, McCarthy 1076; Bros. Brooks, Sussex, Scoetbs, Serjeant, L. Harvey J.D. 174, T. Barnes jun. 1306, L. Bolton 1506, H. J. Walter, S. G. Walter, Dix S.W., 1421, Loane 1421, G. H. Stephens J.D. 1623, T. J. Tyer J.D. 1306, T. Wooding J.W. 1306, R. B. Greenwood D.C. 1623.

BROMLEY SAINT LEONARD LODGE, No. 1805.

THIS Lodge held its first Installation Meeting since the Consecration, March 1879, at the Bromley St. Leonard Vestry Hall, Bow Road, E. Present Bro. W. R. Marsh W.M., supported by Bro. W. Clarke A.G.P. as I.P.M., and rest of Officers, besides several members and visitors. Lodge opened, minutes having been read, was advanced to the third, and Bro. Horne raised. Bro. Cundick P.M. 1421, acting as D.C., presented Bro. G. Robey S.W. and W.M. elect, who was then duly installed by Bro. Marsh in his usual able manner, after which the following brethren were invested as Officers, viz., Bros. W. Bramham S.W., R. T. Fennell J.W., T. M. Knight Treasurer, Walter J. Rawley Secretary, A. Peterkin S.D., R. B. Brinkley J.D., G. Bond, for J. McLaren, I.G. The Lodge then voted a P.M.'s jewel to its retiring Master, with which he was duly invested, and for which he returned thanks in a very suitable speech. Lodge having closed, the brethren adjourned to the Langthorne Hotel for dinner, at the conclusion of which the usual Loyal and Craft toasts were proposed and responded to by Bro. W. Clarke A.G.P., on behalf of Grand Officers. Among the visitors present were Bros. H. Marflet P.M. 217, L. Potts W.M. 1716, F. G. Whitey P.M. 907, B. Cundick P.M. 1421, W. Boorman 65, W. Girton 1349, P. G. Colson 1076, J. S. Hegarty 1364, J. W. B. Wilson 174, C. Hornby 1556, R. Logan 1804. During the evening some very pretty songs were rendered, by Bros. Knight, White, Peterkin, and Brinkley. Bro. Fennell J.W. offered to represent the Lodge at the forthcoming Festival for the R.M.B.I., which was accepted, and the sum of five guineas proposed to be put on his list.

BRECKNOCK LODGE, No. 651.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Brecon, on Friday, 7th January. Present—Bros. F. Grundy W.M., J. A. Whittle S.W. and W.M. elect, R. Webb P.M., D. Guilding pro J.W., H. Mayberry Secretary, E. Teale assistant Secretary, J. Morgan S.D., R. Davies J.D., T. H. Price pro I.G.; also Bros. Tennant D.P.G.M., Edwards, Orlopp, Games, Owen, Williams, Lewis, S. Lewis, Prothero No. 476, Hughes 1098, Williams 1807, W. Coulthard 1807, Lewis 1807, T. Lewis 1807, Watkins 1807, Rees 1807, Truscott 1807, Price 1807, James 1807, Carr 1807, G. Williams 1807, Smith 1807, Davies 1807, &c. The Lodge was opened in the first degree by the W.M. (Bro. F. Grundy) in due form and with solemn prayer. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Letters of apology for non-attendance from Bros. John Jones P.G.P., T. Butcher P.M., T. D. Roberts P.M., W. Whittington, T. E. Bargrove Watkins, and H. C. Rich jun. were read. The Lodge was then raised to the second and third degrees, and on the arrival of Bro. Tennant D.P.G.M. Eastern Division of South Wales, Bro. John Alfred Whittle S.W. was introduced by Bro. Frank Grundy for installation, and, according to custom, all brethren below the rank of Installed Master retired, and a Board of Installed Masters being formed, the W.M. elect was duly placed in the chair of K.S. The brethren were re-admitted, and the newly installed W.M. saluted, proclaimed, and greeted in the East, West, and South. The newly installed Master then appointed as his Officers for the ensuing year the following brethren:—John Morgan S.W., T. C. Bargrave Watkins J.W., Morgan P. Williams Chaplain, H. O. Aveline Mayberry Almr., Ernest Henry Teale Secretary, Rhys Davies Senior Deacon, H. C. Rich jun. Junior Deacon, Thomas Lawrence Lewis Organist, Adam Orlopp Director of Ceremonies, T. H. Price Inner Guard and Treas., E. T. Edwards and R. Owen Stewards, and Jas. Jones Tyler. The Worshipful Installing Master (Bro. Tennant) having delivered the ancient charges to the Wardens and brethren in a most impressive manner, the Lodge was closed in harmony. The brethren afterwards repaired to the Castle Hotel, where a sumptuous repast awaited them, presided over by the newly-initiated W.M., Bro. John Alfred Whittle. After the banquet, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given and duly honoured. The W.M., in proposing the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, said the Lodge was greatly indebted to Bro. Tennant D.P.G.M. for his attendance there that evening; that was his fourth visit, and he hoped the Lodge would have the pleasure of his company as often in the future as in the past. Bro. Tennant, in responding, said that it gave him great pleasure in visiting the Loyal Brecknock, and that he endeavoured to pay each Lodge in the Province at least one visit during the year. Bro. Tennant then proposed the health of the W.M., and dwelt on the zeal and ability he had displayed since he had become a member of the Lodge. He (Bro. Tennant) felt sure that under their W.M.'s guidance all the ceremonies would be most efficiently rendered. To this toast the brethren present responded most heartily. In reply, Bro. Whittle thanked the brethren for their cordial reception of the toast, stating it would be his earnest endeavour to prove himself worthy of the dignified position in which they had placed him, and that he would ever have the interest of the Lodge at heart. Bro. Mayberry then proposed the Masonic Charities, and coupled the name of Bro. Tennant D.P.G.M. and Charity Commissioner, who duly responded. The next toast, the I.P.M. and the P.M.'s, was proposed by Bro. John Morgan S.W., and suitably acknowledged by Bros. F. Grundy and R. Webb. The toasts of Visiting Brethren, proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. Prothero 479, T. H. Hughes 1098, and W. Williams 1807, and Wardens and Officers of the Lodge, by the W.M., which was duly acknowledged by Bros. Morgan S.W.,

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Lewis Organist, and M. P. Williams Chaplain, followed. In the course of the evening, the proceedings were enlivened by songs efficiently rendered by Bros. Lewis, Edwards, Davies, Owen, and Orlopp. The meeting was brought to a close by the Tyler's toast, and the brethren separated after a most enjoyable evening—

"Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again."

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, the 13th inst. Present:—Bros. F. Botley W.M., H. E. Tucker S.W., C. Andrews P.M. J.W., J. Green S.D., J. J. Clarke J.D., A. Mitchell I.G., J. Wells Sec.; Bros. H. Stephens, C. O. Walter, E. C. Porter, and Chadwick of Lodge 995. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and resumed to first. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. C. O. Walter candidate. Bro. Andrews P.M. worked the second section of the first lecture. Bro. H. E. Tucker was elected W.M. for next meeting, and Lodge adjourned.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—A meeting of this Chapter of Improvement was held on Tuesday evening, 11th inst., at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, and as usual was very well attended by Royal Arch Masons. Comp. Bloomfield occupied the position of Z., Payne H., Moss J., Lardner S.N., Swain P.S., Brown Preceptor S.E. There were also present Comps. Kirke, H. Thompson, N. Green, Edmonds, Storr, J. Payne, Walker, Abell, Tomkins, &c. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Webb being the candidate. The ceremony was most ably performed. Comp. Tomkins, of 1328, was unanimously elected a member. This being election night, the following were appointed:—Comps. Bloomfield Z., Edmonds H., Lardner J., B. Payne N., J. Payne P.S. On Tuesday evening, 18th Jan., at 6 o'clock, the ceremony of installation of the Principals will be performed by Comp. W. Stephens Prov. Grand Assistant P.S. Kent, P.Z. 862, 874, 1365 and 1489. As this ceremony is seldom performed in a Chapter of Improvement, a numerous attendance is anticipated.

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At the Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554, at the Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney, on Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., at seven o'clock precisely, on which occasion Bro. Andrews P.M. 1227 will preside, and will be supported by the following brethren:—Bros. T. J. Barnes P.M. Nos. 554 and 933 S.W., E. W. Walter W.M. 554 J.W., Berry P.M. 554 I.P.M., William Cross S.D. No. 554 Hon. Sec. First Lecture:—Bros. Anderson, Waterer, Loane, Harvey, Wooding, Forss, and Stephens. Second Lecture:—Bros. Ellingford, Berry, Walter, Barnes, and Cundick. Third Lecture:—Bros. Musto, Veal, and Taylor.

At the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445, at the Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, on Monday evening, the 24th inst., at seven o'clock precisely. Bro. Musto P.M. 1349 will preside, with Bros. T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 S.W., B. Cundick P.M. No. 1421 J.W., W. H. Myers P.M. 820 and 1445 I.P.M., H. Seymour-Clarke 1445 Hon. Sec. First Lecture:—Bros. Loring, Macgregor, Robson, Goddard, McDonald, Wooding, and Dobell. Second Lecture:—Bros. Kimbell, Partridge, F. C. D. Fenn, Cundick, and G. H. Stephens. Third Lecture:—Bros. I. P. Cohen, Job, and Walter.

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QUARTERLY COURT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Creaton (Grand Treasurer), Vice-President and Trustee, presided. There were also present Bros. A. H. Tattershall, Thomas Massa, A. J. Duff-Filer, S. Rawson, H. Massey, Arthur E. Gladwell, E. Letchworth, Joshua Nunn, J. J. Berry, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. Twenty-eight candidates were declared on the list for the April election, and 15 children to be elected. Bro. Joshua Nunn moved—

"That the following words be added to Law LXXII., after the word 'provision,' viz., 'and in cases of exceptional merit and necessity, the General Committee are authorised to increase the sum to an amount not exceeding £40.'"

He explained that several brethren who opposed it at the last Quarterly Court misunderstood that the motion was to give power to the Committee to grant £40 to all girls when they left the Institution. That was not so; it would only be granted in very exceptional cases. It had been so misunderstood by Bro. Henry Smith, Prov. Grand Secretary for West Yorkshire, but he cordially supported the motion now that he knew its real import. Bro. A. E. Gladwell seconded the motion. He also had misunderstood it at first, but he supported it now. It was only lost on the last occasion by a very small majority. Bro. Filer did not approve of the Pupils' Assistance Fund. Giving help to pupils should be left in the hands of those who were fully acquainted with the girls. He hoped the present motion would put an end to the fourth Charity, which he believed would be very detrimental to the Institutions. He never had subscribed to the Pupils' Assistance Fund, and never would. Those who were selected to carry out the affairs of the Institution had the confidence of the subscribers, and would not exercise their powers too often. Only in exceptional cases would they grant the

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full amount. Bro. E. Letchworth supported the motion with pleasure, and believed it was for the interest of the Institutions that it should be known throughout the Craft that they had such a fund as this. The Earl of Rosslyn, on taking the chair at one of their Festivals, thought he found a blot in their Institutions. It was not only desirable that there should not be a blot, but also that there should not be an impression that there was a blot. If he (the noble Earl) could have been made aware that the Committees could grant £20 to children, he would not have made the observation he did. If that sum was increased to £40 for exceptional cases, the principal supporters of his scheme would be assured that the machinery at the disposal of the General Committees was adequate to meet all circumstances. There were but few cases likely to occur in which it would be necessary to make this grant. The children could not get into the Schools without numerous and influential friends, who would no doubt look after them when they left the Schools. Bro. S. Rawson did not rise to oppose the motion, but thought that it should be adjourned to next Quarterly Court, when more brethren would be present. He thought it would be a compliment to the country brethren. The chairman said the country brethren had full notice of the motion by advertisement and circular, and if they wished to oppose they could have been present that day to do so. Bro. Joshua Nunn was happy to say there was no opposition, and if the brethren in the country wanted to oppose, they would have come and done so. He hoped it would put down a fourth Charity, which he could not but think would be detrimental to the Institutions. He had always thought so, and had expressed himself to that effect to the movers of it. The power now asked would never be used lavishly. Not much money had been expended in giving assistance to the girls, as only once in two years had £20 been given. There was a deserving case in which £30 should have been given if the Committee had had the power, but as they had not, they granted £20, and subscribed the other £10 among themselves. He was sorry that Lord Rosslyn was not made acquainted with the fact that the Committees had power to grant £20 to children leaving the Schools before he made the remarks which led to the establishment of a fourth charity. The motion was carried, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

QUARTERLY COURT OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE January Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, was held on Monday afternoon at Freemason's Hall. There were present:—Bros. Lieut.-Col. John Creaton G.T. (in the chair), A. J. Duff-Filer, G. Bolton, C. H. Webb, W. H. Perryman, Leopold Ruf, James Freeman, H. Moore, H. Venn, J. G. Stevens, J. J. Berry, Wm. Roebuck, J. Joyce Murray, James Terry, William Mann, Richard Tyrrell, William Paas, Donald M. Dewar, C. F. Matier, J. G. Chancellor, S. J. Benton, S. Rawson, Arthur E. Gladwell, W. F. C. Moutrie, W. H. Spaull, Charles Sanders, S. Rosenthal, H. S. Goodall, A. Williams, Abner Torkington, A. Tisley, T. Cubitt, G. Blythe, E. C. Massey, E. Baxter, E. C. Woodward, J. Peters, and F. Binckes (Sec). After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the matter of the eligibility of Arthur Harvey Collingwood, which has been fully discussed in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, came before the Court, and Bro. Matier submitted that as the boy had £40 a year for his maintenance and education, he should not be admitted to the School. Bro. Gladwell adopted Bro. Matier's view. Bro. Binckes read a number of letters and telegrams from different parts of the country, taking the same view, and Bro. J. G. Stephens stated that the matter was looked upon in this light by the supporters of the Institution at the East-end of London. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart urged the admission of the boy, on the ground that the School was not a pauper school, and that the mother's income was only £106 a year. Bro. Girling wished to withdraw the candidate, but as it was necessary that a motion should be made on the subject, this was done, and the name of Arthur Harvey Collingwood was erased from the list. The list for next election was then settled. Seventy-six candidates were named as the number seeking election, for whom there will be twenty vacancies. On the motion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, seconded by Bro. C. F. Matier, the brethren passed the following motion unanimously:—"That to commemorate the twenty years' services of the Secretary, Bro. Binckes, and in recognition of the ability shown by him during that period, also having regard to the success achieved through his exertions, a grant of £200 be made to him out of the funds of the Institution." Bro. Stewart remarked that during the said twenty years and upwards, £192,000 had been received. Bro. Binckes, who during the proposition had been absent from the room, was then called in, and he thanked the brethren very heartily for the vote. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Lieut.-Col. Creaton (Grand Treasurer), Vice-Patron, (in the chair), C. A. Cottebrune, John G. Stevens, Raynham W. Stewart, Edgar Bowyer, R. Warner Wheeler, C. H. Webb, S. Rawson, F. Adlard, William Stephens, John Henry Leggott, John Palmer, James Brett, Charles G. Hill, Thomas Cubitt, William Clarke, James Kench, Charles Daniel, William Hilton, Charles Atkins, and James Terry Secretary. The minutes of last meeting were read and verified. The deaths of three brethren and one widow were reported; also that the Secretary had repaid to Bankers the sum of £26. The Warden's report for the past month was read, and the Secretary was directed to acknowledge the kind gifts mentioned therein from Bros. Cutbush, Bowyer, Ellis and Goode—consisting of bulbs, books, and fruit, and wine and cards respectively. The Secretary also mentioned that through the kindness of some friends he had been enabled to purchase a piano for the use of the inmates. The report of the Finance Committee was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, and the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for the several amounts named therein. Applications were made by two widows for half their late husband's annuity, both of which was granted. The petitions of fifteen brethren and fifteen widows, together with one deferred from last meeting, were accepted, and their names placed on the list of candidates for election in May next. The Secretary stated that this would make the list of candidates one of the heaviest, if not the heaviest, since the foundation of the Institution, there being 37 brethren and 62 widows—in all 99. The vacancies were 13 brethren, and 7 widows only, and unless the ensuing Festival was a successful one, no increase in the number to be elected could, he feared, be made. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

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GOSPORT CHAPTER, No. 903.

ON Tuesday, 4th inst., the installation of the Principals elect of this Chapter took place at the Masonic Rooms, India Arms Hotel, the duties of Installing Principal being performed by M.E. Comp. E. S. Main P.Z., in a most eloquent, impressive and perfect manner. The Principals installed were M.E. Comps. C. B. Whitcomb Z., V. Brown H., and R. W. Mitchell J. The ceremony of installation being concluded, the M.E.Z. invested the Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—E. Comps. Powell E., Des Geneys N., Batchelor P.S., Brunwin and Darby Assist. Sojrs., R. W. Downing Treas. and Org., and Cauvin Janitor. After the business the Companions adjourned to a banquet, provided by Mr. Kingswell. The following were present, in addition to the Officers, viz., M.E. Companions Wallingford P.Z. P.P.G.A.S., Lancaster P.Z. P.P.G.P.S., Turney P.P.G.S.B.; E. Comps. Hancox and Smith; Visitor E. Comp. Dowse, Chapter of Friendship.—*Portsmouth Times.*

St. Martin's-le-Grand Chapter, No. 1530.—A Convocation of this flourishing Chapter was held on Tuesday evening, 11th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a large attendance of Comps. and visitors. Comp. Dr. Ralph Goodinge M.E.Z. presided, supported by Comps. A. J. Pritchard H., George Gregory J., &c. Bro. R. M. Bishop of the Grand Master's Lodge No. 1, being in attendance, was admitted as a Companion of the Chapter, the ceremony being worked in a very impressive manner by the M.E.Z., assisted by his Officers. After the closing of the Chapter, the Comps. adjourned to the handsome Throne Room of the Hotel, where a *recherché* banquet was served by Messrs. Ritter and Clifford, whose arrangements were, as usual, in every way conducive to the comforts and enjoyment of the numerous party. Comp. Dr. Goodinge presided, and the customary Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured, the pleasures of the evening being enlivened by some excellent vocal and instrumental music.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

Eboracum Conclave, No. 137.—A meeting of this Conclave was held at York on Thursday, the 6th inst. Bro. J. S. Cumberland M.P.S. presided, and amongst those present were Bros. C. G. Padel V.E., T. B. Whytehead P.S. as Prelate, T. Humphries as S.G., M. Millington J.G., A. T. B. Turner Prefect, W. B. Dyson Recorder, R. Walker Herald, &c. Letters of apology were read from Bros. G. Simpson Treasurer, absent from York, G. Balmford, Rev. W. Valentine, and others. The resignation of Bro. W. P. Husband, who had sailed for South Africa, was announced. Bro. C. G. Padel was elected M.P.S., and Bro. G. Simpson was elected Viceroy. Auditors were appointed, and the Conclave was closed. Subsequently the St. Peter Sanctuary and Commandery of St. John were successively opened, and those degrees were conferred upon Bros. W. B. Dyson and R. Walker by Bro. T. B. Whytehead Int. Genl. unattached, after which the Commandery was closed.

FREEMASONRY IN THE EAST.

The District Grand Lodge of China have arranged to hold a grand banquet on the 22nd instant, in the new Town Hall of Hong Kong, to welcome the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. T. G. Linsteed, upon his return from England, where he has, for the past nine months, been engaged upon Masonic business. Covers will be laid for about 500 guests, a great accession of Masonic strength being expected by the assembly of the fleet. Bro. Linsteed has an autograph letter of greeting from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the Grand Lodge of China, which will be read, and received by the assembled Lodge previous to adjourning for refreshment. At the banquet, Sir Pope Hennessy will respond for "Queen and Craft," and Admiral Coote for "Visiting Brethren," while "Grand Lodge of England" will be represented by Chief Engineer A. F. McIntyre, of the Comus. The Governor-General and the Military Commandant have both kindly lent their official service of plate for the occasion, which is estimated to value £500,000.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

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THE SCHOOLS AND GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am very glad you have again drawn attention to the smallness of the annual Contributions by Grand Lodge to the Boys' and Girls' Schools. For now two-and-forty years the same sum has been given to each, but I do not think I am at all exaggerating the case when I say that each School is doing four times as much good now as it did in 1839, while the number of entrants into Freemasonry during the last few years has been eight times what it was then—that is, if the figures on which you base your statement are correct, and I fancy I recollect having read a somewhat similar statement a few years ago by Bro. Binckes. At the time it was proposed to vote a sum to, in some way, commemorate the safe return of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master, from India, it was suggested that the sum voted by Grand Lodge should be apportioned equally among our Institutions. The suggestion was not acted upon, and the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, when proposing the vote of £4000 to the Royal Masonic Lifeboat Institution, in order to build and endow in perpetuity two lifeboats, referred to the counter proposal to give a sum to each of our Charities, and remarked that one reason why he did not agree with the proposal was that no appeal to the Craft to support those Charities would ever be made in vain. The remark was loudly cheered, and the Craft as a body has shown that those cheers were not without significance. But while the Craft in its subdivisions of Provinces and Lodges goes on increasing its support of them—as witness your statement published on the 1st inst. of the work done last year—Grand Lodge remains exactly where it was in 1839 in respect of the Schools, giving only the same £150 to each now as then. Ought not this to be improved, especially as the funds of Grand Lodge are so much more considerable than they were forty years ago? What say Bros. Binckes and Hedges on the subject?

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

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WITHDRAWAL OF VISITORS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It appears that our "IRREPRESSIBLE TOMKINS" is a pedant as well as a wag. Instead of fairly meeting what I advanced on the above subject, and satisfying my natural curiosity as to how a matter held right and proper in 1878 should be deemed wrong and improper in 1880, and how an eminent Masonic authority, quoted in support of opinions in the former year, can also be found available to sustain opposite views upon the same question at the present time, and instead of pursuing a course which might have proved interesting and instructive, he finds fault with me for having gone astray in the matter of logic. As he eagerly grasped the opportunity of a reporter's inadvertence to read a homily anent the conduct of Bro. Constable, so my protest against the presumption is made a pretext to favour me with a lecture on my ignorance, and, at the same time, to parade his acquaintance with syllogisms, the masters who wrote upon the art of reasoning, and to hint to an unappreciative world what an intellectual gem of the first water it permits to remain in obscurity. While fully conscious of my shortcomings, I am sensible of his greatness, and truly astonished at my temerity in daring to confront a force of such magnitude. Though deficient in logic, I can boast of some courage. But the characteristic of true courage is modesty. I will therefore, with all becoming humility, venture to inquire of the logician and lecturer on morality, courtesy and delicacy, why he does not enforce his precepts by example. For whatever may be thought of his effusions from a literary point of view, few will recommend them as models of courtesy, delicacy or right feeling. And next, may I ask how far, even in his estimation, he has succeeded in exculpating himself from the charge of using unfriendly and unfraternal language when canvassing the conduct of a brother? It is true, with tiresome reiteration, he insists upon his right to criticise the public conduct of any one. As if any one would or could deny him that right. It is not only politic, but frequently a necessary duty to throw light upon practices of individuals. It is not therefore with his privilege, but with the *manner* in which it was exercised, that I found fault, and felt bound to express disgust at the studied insolence which characterised and gave tone to what is now pretended to have been friendly criticism. I must persist in again pointing out that our logician engages in this fray—it does not deserve to be dignified with the appellation of battle—with unfair advantage. To follow his own nautical phraseology, he continues to sail under a borrowed flag. The identity of the skipper remains carefully concealed, while my poor little craft, foreign built too, fearlessly displays its own proper ensign. To judge, however, from the amazing amount of ammunition expended in the endeavour to counteract an attack by, and inflict some damage upon, what, in comparison, might justly be considered a mere little tub, the opposing craft must be of superior bulk certainly, but there has as yet been no evidence of any extraordinary seamanship; and as the shots fell wide of the mark, it may reasonably be inferred that the marksman was either groggy or of inferior skill. The little bark remains unharmed, and intends hopefully, merrily, and bravely to continue on its way, be the waters stormy or placid, ready to do its little best to render aid where help is needed, or duty calls. Now, Brother Editor, you will perhaps be inclined to consider me a kind of male "Rose Dartle," for I have another question to ask, and "really should much like to be informed," why our logical brother, of whose capacity to hold his own with a far superior antagonist than I ever can hope or pretend to be, shirks his work and tries to shift a duty apportioned to him from his to the editorial vessel? The very gist of my letter he leaves untouched, and wishes you to handle, whilst he contents himself to entertain us with the cachinnatious effect produced by what he is pleased to consider my absurdity. I, on the contrary, am free to admit a feeling akin to grief to find so much logic and ability thrown away upon so exceedingly trivial and absurdly insignificant a question, and, moreover, that a Masonic newspaper, so ably and consistently devoted to the spread of kindly feeling, goodwill, and fraternal affection, should be made the vehicle for publishing what, under the guise of fighting for principle, is, after all, only an exchange of hardly concealed personalities.

For my own part, I am perfectly willing to give the "IRREPRESSIBLE TOMKINS" best in this matter. He professes friendship to both Bro. Constable and myself, and I have no reason to doubt his assertion. Let me assure him that I have been animated by no enmity against a person of whose private life and character I can have no knowledge. I desire to retire from this useless and purposeless controversy as gracefully as may be, and am content to leave the field entirely to him.

Fraternally yours,

E. GOTTHEIL.

A GRIEVANCE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—I shall esteem it a great favour by your allowing me space in your next issue for the ventilation of a few remarks on a grievance that should never have occurred in a Masonic Lodge, and which I very much regret having occasion to comment on through the Press. I have been a member of a Lodge for nearly ten years, during which period I have filled the various offices of Inner Guard, Junior and Senior Deacon. Some years previous to the year 1879 I was appointed Junior Deacon, and during the then clique system was cast aside, but as time rolled on I received an intimation, through a Past Master, that I was to be re-appointed Junior Deacon. In reply I stated that I would not be made a tool of, but at his earnest solicitation I took the office for a second time, and the following year was appointed Senior Deacon. I now felt I had a good right to expect that the office of Junior Warden would follow in due course this year. But this has not met the views of the powers that be. I have this consolation, however, that no Master, Past Master, or Warden could say I was not qualified to perform my duty had I been appointed.

It is to be regretted that Masonry in my Lodge is conducted only in name. Had I been an hotel keeper or a partner in a ship-building firm no doubt I should have been recognised as sufficiently eligible in the social scale. My once prosperous Lodge is now for the most part composed of a clique of Past Masters, and I cannot find language sufficiently strong to express myself against the abominable system of class interests which is allowed to hold in direct opposition to and violation of the first points of Masonry, and I do not hesitate to say the sooner the most Worshipful Grand Master withdraws the Charter from such a Lodge the better.

Now to return to my grievance. I was informed by a Brother that it was the present Master's special desire to appoint the late Junior Warden and myself to the offices of Senior and Junior Warden; but this was no sooner mentioned than it was overruled by the before-named clique, who recommended a recently-received member to fill the chair that should by right have fallen to me, simply because he was a master tradesman and supposed to be higher in the social scale.

Several members of the Lodge, in consequence of the unfair proceedings, intimated their determination to resign, but I strongly urged them on no account to do so, but to remain with me, in order, if possible, to put down the clique system that has sprung up for a second time in the Lodge.

I must apologise for occupying so much of your valuable space, but I feel it a duty incumbent on me to expose a system so rotten and so totally at variance with Masonry, and trust you will pardon me.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

HENRY JAMES,

Past Senior Deacon.

We are requested to announce that the future meetings of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, will be held at the Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's-churchyard, E.C., on Monday evenings, where brethren will meet with a hearty welcome. Bro. William Pennefather, W.M. 1623, is the Preceptor.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 15th JANUARY.

188—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1339—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1733—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
M.M. 351—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.

MONDAY, 17th JANUARY.

1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
48—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
901—City of London, Gresham-street, E.C.
1435—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1893—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8 30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30 (Instruction)

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
331—Phœnix Public Room Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge.
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
632—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
858—Bedford Masonic Hall, New street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
987—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockpor
1087—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 33—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

TUESDAY, 18th JANUARY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
96—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1340—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1430—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1603—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
348—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 148 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
R.A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford.
R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham

WEDNESDAY, 19th JANUARY.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons Hall, W.C., at 6.
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 3 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1298—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet street, E.C.
1534—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C.
1791—Creation, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
248—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
429—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Beverley
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1046—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
R.A. 230—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 20th JANUARY.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
211—St. Michael, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1339—Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7. (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 6.30 (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
387—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1043—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 349—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

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R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
K.T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

FRIDAY, 21st JANUARY.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction.)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

127—Union Freemasons' Hall, Margate
153—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 531—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
K.T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
K.T.—Jacques de Molay, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 22nd JANUARY.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Prince George, Parkholme Road, Dalston.
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1393—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Bedford Lodge, No. 280, Tavistock.—The annual Festival of St. John was celebrated by the members of this Lodge, at Tavistock, on Wednesday, 5th inst. The Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Henry Down, was presented in the usual form for installation, and the ceremony was carried out by Bro. T. Chapman P.M. After the installation, the Officers appointed and invested were:—W. Bro. W. R. Northway jun. I.P.M., Bros. J. J. Daw S.W., C. J. K. Harrison J.W., J. J. Daw Treasurer, W. L. Sampson Secretary, N. Bray S.D., R. B. Woolcock J.D., J. Rosekelly D.C., J. Bowhay Organist, W. R. U'Ren I.G., R. Barratt and H. Strick Stewards, and E. Handy Tyler. On the closing of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to the Bedford Hotel, where they partook of a banquet laid out for them by Bro. Northway. The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and suitably responded to, and the brethren spent a most convival evening.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554.—At last regular meeting of this Lodge, at the Green Dragon, Stepney, Bro. E. T. Harvey was W.M. and was supported by Bros. Macarthy S.W., John Taylor J.W., Shingfield S.D., Lax J.D., Wood I.G., J. J. Berry P.M. Preceptor, W. Cross Secretary; also Bros. E. Walter, A. Walter, Mackenrot, Poulter, Stephens, &c. Lodge was opened with all formalities, and Bro. Poulter was interrogated. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed, Bro. Poulter, candidate. Bro. Andrews worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed, and Bro. Harvey assisted Bro. Andrews to work the fourth section of the first lecture. Bros. A. Wood and J. Taylor were elected auditors. Bro. P. Macarthy was elected W.M. for the first Tuesday in February. The meeting on the 18th inst. will be devoted to the working of the Fifteen Sections by Bro. P.M. Andrews, and on the 25th to the Yarborough Benevolent Association. Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

Restormel Lodge, No. 856.—The annual meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Lostwithiel, on Wednesday, 5th inst. The W.M. elect, W. Bro. H. de Legh P.M. was installed by W. Bro. W. P. Smith P.M. P.P.G.S. Works. After the installation, the W.M. invested the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. J. Basset I.P.M., R. Whetter S.W., J. Hoit J.W., Rev. A. H. Ferris Chaplain, J. Hugill Treasurer, T. Perry Secretary, W. Boxhall S.D., J. Doney J.D., B. G. Derry I.G., J. Probert D.C., W. P. Smith Org. H. H. Kidd Almoner, T. Williams and J. Serpell Stewards. The brethren afterwards adjourned to an excellent banquet, served by Bro. J. Burt P.M. at the Earl of Chatham Inn.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, the 11th inst. Bros. James Dignam W.M., Smyth S.W., Edwards J.W., Carr S.D., Christian J.D., Glass I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, Catling, Wardell, Morling, Floyd. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wardell candidate. Lodge was called from labour, and after resuming its Masonic duties, Bro. C. Lorkin, as candidate for passing, was interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. C. Lorkin was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. He gave a lecture on the Second Trading-board, after which he worked the first section, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and regularly closed to the first. Bro. Smyth was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge on Tuesday evening, the 25th inst., at seven o'clock. Brethren are invited to attend. Bro. Webb P.M. 1607 will preside. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned. The installation ceremony will be rehearsed next Tuesday, by Bro. Wallington P.M. 860.

Three Grand Principles Lodge, No. 967.—The brethren of this Lodge met to celebrate the annual Festival of St. John, on Tuesday, 4th inst., at the new Masonic Rooms, Commercial-road, Penryn, when the installation of the W.M., Bro. J. W. Manger, was ably carried out by Bro. G. W. Trenery P.M. P.P.G.S.B., assisted by the following Board of Past Masters:—Bros. T. Gill, Jennings, Vine, J. M. Thomas, T. B. Hart, and John Nineas, of Chacewater. The W.M. then invested the following as Officers:—Bros. T. B. Hart I.P.M., T. Gill P.M. P.P.G.D. of C. Treasurer, Thompson S.W., N. Gray J.W., Joel Blamey jun. Secretary, Welch S.D., Coade J.D., S. Cox I.G., T. Dunstan Steward C.M.A. Fund, James Thomas Organist, James Blamey and Worsdell Stewards, Willimot D. of C., and Rusden Tyler. The banquet took place at Vivian's Commercial Hotel, Penryn, and was served up in excellent style. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were ably given by the W.M. Mr. and Mrs. Vivian had the large hall, where the banquet was held, tastefully decorated with rare and exotic plants.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—Held at the Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, on Monday, 10th January. The chair was taken by Bro. Franckel J.W. of 780, supported by Bros. W. H. Myers Preceptor I.P.M., Seymour-Clarke (Secretary) S.W., Crane J.W., Goddard, Partridge, McDonald, Robson, Kimbell, Loring, Hildreth, Brevetor, Hills, and others. After preliminaries, Bro. Hills was questioned and entrusted, and afterwards passed to the second degree. Bro. McDonald then worked the first section, assisted by Bro. Kimberley; also the second and third sections, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Curtice Hills was elected a member, and Bro. Seymour-Clarke elected W.M. for Monday next, when the third degree will be rehearsed. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge on Monday, 24th inst., at 7 p.m. by Bro. Musto P.M. 1349, supported by Bros. Barnes as S.W. and Cundick as J.W. These names alone are sufficient to vouch that the working will be all that can be desired.

Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, Hampton.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday, the 6th instant. Bro. T. W. Ockenden W.M. presided, supported by Bros. Hopwood P.M. Treasurer as S.W., Albert Marvin J.W. 1763 as J.W., W. Hammond P.M. Secretary, Hiscox S.D., J. E. Hunt 1768 acting I.G., and other brethren. A communication was received from the R.W. Bro. Colonel Sir F. Burdett Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, regretting his inability to attend; apologies were sent by the two Wardens, who were absent through illness, and the J.D. pleaded pressure of business. Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and closed to the first, by which time Bros. Crofts and Jackson, candidates for passing, were in readiness for the ceremony, and in due course advanced. The W.M. worked the lecture on the Tracing-board. A candidate for initiation, elected last month, was not present. Two gentlemen were successfully balloted for as candidates for the benefit of Masonic light, and their initiation will take place at a subsequent meeting, the W.M. having announced, on the occasion of his installation, that he should not, except under the most urgent circumstances, initiate any gentlemen on the night of their election. The Lodge was closed with solemn prayer, and in perfect harmony, and adjourned until Thursday next, the 20th inst., at 6.15 p.m.

Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687.—A regular meeting of the above Lodge was held on the 5th inst., at the Inns of Court Hotel, under the presidency of Bros. J. B. Docker W.M., Crossland S.W., E. Duret J.W., L. Beck P.M. P.P.G.O. Middlesex Treas., F. Green acted as Secretary, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. C. Parsons P.M., Livermore S.D., F. Green sen. J.D., Valeriani I.G., Wallis W.S., Lloyd D.C., F. V. Green A.D.C., Berrow Org.; and Bros. Farr, Shaw, Carthew, Duchez, Wallace, Adams, Wells. The Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. Bro. Wallis was invested with the collar of W.S., and Bro. F. V. Green A.D.C. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Jerrold Joseph and F. Colepepper, which were unanimously in their favour. Messrs. F. Thorne (previously accepted), J. Joseph, and Colepepper being in attendance were duly initiated into the Order. The W.M. rendered the ceremony in a very impressive manner. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Walter Gosden, that gave every satisfaction. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. L. Beck P.M. said, all were aware that he had the privilege of proposing the toast of the W.M., who was the fourth Master of the Lodge. All the members could see how ably he had worked the ceremony, and all hoped that success would continue to attend his efforts. He would now call on the brethren to drink his health, and wish him a happy New Year. Miss Beck, a pupil of Bro. L. Beck P.M., here sang "The Fisher Lad," and accompanied herself on the piano. The W.M., replying, could scarcely find words to express his thanks for the kind expressions of Bro. Beck, and the recep-

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tion the brethren had given him; he hoped to do all his work to their satisfaction. He would now incidentally mention that he was a Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Lodge had given a sum on his list, which he trusted the brethren would augment. The Boys' School was a noble Institution, and fully deserving of support. He had pleasure in stating that, thanks to Bro. Green, the sum subscribed by the brethren was £25 9s; for this he sincerely thanked them. The W.M. now proposed—as he expressed it—the toast of the evening, the newly initiated brethren; he was sure they would not only be ornaments to the Rothesay Lodge, but a credit to the Order. Miss Beck again delighted the brethren with an excellent song, and then Bro. Frank Thorne replied. He had long had an ardent wish to join Freemasonry, and had selected this Lodge, which, he hoped, he would eventually be a credit to. Bros. Colepepper and Joseph also made a few remarks. The Visitors were next complimented by the W.M., and after a song by Bro. F. V. Green, Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 replied. Bros. Collens and others also addressed the brethren. In proposing the health of the Past Masters, the W.M. regretted the absence of Bro. W. C. Parsons, but they had with them their first Master and now their Treasurer, Bro. Louis Beck. Bro. L. Beck, in responding, explained how the Lodge had been honoured by the Most Worshipful Grand Master's allowing it to be designated by one of his titles—Duke of Rothesay; this was further evidenced by his banner being placed over the chair of the W.M. He thanked all for the kind way they had received him. The toast of the Wardens followed, the W.M. remarking that the attention which they had paid to their duties merited especial praise. Bro. Crossland, the S.W., had travelled specially from Huddersfield to be present. Bro. Durét had also come a long distance; he was their first initiate. They were proud of the brethren who filled the several posts of honour. Bro. Crossland S.W. said that, as far as good intent goes, his heart was with them, and what ability he possessed would be at their service. Bro. Durét J.W. followed. As the first initiate he was proud to be placed as J.W.; he would strive to do all he could to further the interests of the Lodge. The Tyler's toast was afterwards given, and the brethren separated. The Visitors were—Bros. H. Harvey 749, J. Holmes 1608, E. H. Simpson 152, A. Mount 1325, W. J. Collens S.D. 766, H. Dinford 1158, T. De Leliva 1426, H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Albert Edward Lodge.—The Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. W. Hickman, on the 3rd inst., installed Bro. J. S. Pearce, the Sheriff of Southampton, as the W.M. of the above Lodge, at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, and the new W.M. subsequently invested his Officers as follow:—I. Harle I.P.M., W. Berry S.W., G. Grant J.W., S. S. Pearce Treasurer, A. Algar Secretary, T. Walton S.D., Turner J.D., J. Stevens I.G., B. Tanner D.C., W. Grinyer and G. Scorey Stewards, and Biggs Tyler. The D.P.G.M. was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Lodge, and a beautiful P.M.'s jewel was presented to I.P.M. Harle, in appreciation of his services to the Lodge from its commencement.

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MISCONCEPTIONS OF THE TRUE CHARACTER OF FREEMASONRY.

WHAT is Freemasonry? is a question which is constantly being asked, and the answers that are given—especially by the uninitiated—are as various as they are ludicrous. Some people will persist in asserting that it is nothing else than a political secret society, whose foremost object is the destruction of all orderly government. Others affirm that it is an anti-religious fraternity, whose members are never contented but when they are engaged in combating the beneficent influences of religion. There are yet others who entertain the idea that it is a body of men associated together for the destruction of morality, while the least severe of our outside critics regard us as a society of good livers, whose highest aspirations are directed towards the greatest enjoyment that is possible of what are commonly designated the good things of this life. We might, of course, go on enumerating other different views enunciated by even reasonable beings as to the true scope and character of Freemasonry, but though in the first few sentences we might amuse our readers, we certainly should not succeed in edifying them, and we should as certainly incur the serious possibility of annoying them. Yet this conflict of ideas outside the pale of the Craft cannot, after all, be so very singular when we find that Freemasons themselves are divided in opinion as to its aims and objects. It is true they are told, at the very moment of their reception into the Order, that it is a system of morality, and they are expected, or at all events, presumed to accept this definition without mental reservation of any kind; but many so accept it disingenuously, and have barely had time to be raised to Master Masons ere they set busily to work to show how little they appreciate its solemn teachings. Many look upon it as a kind of mutual Life Assurance Company; others maintain that it is a kind of Benefit Society, while a numerous section of the Craft, regarding it from a knife-and-fork point of view, consider the three degrees of Masonry—with or without the Royal Arch—as being neither more nor less than so many preliminary steps towards a capital feed. These singular ideas would be very laughable, were it not for the influence they appear to be exercising, and the ridicule they are calculated to bring upon our Society. Let us then, at the risk of being a little tedious, give a moment's attention to what are *not* the true objects of our beloved Craft.

Were the impartial critic called upon to express his opinion as to the true character of Freemasonry, and, assuming that his judgment was on a level with his impartiality, he would come to the conclusion that in some of the countries of Europe it had a sort of political influence, while in others it was, if not exactly an anti-religious, yet certainly a non-religious, society. Passing on to Freemasonry in America, he would probably suggest that, in the land of the Stars and Stripes, it was a compound of sentimentality and outward show with—doubtless for the sake of old associations—the occasional consecration and erection of gaudy temples, and the heavy indebtedness which is the necessary consequence of indulging in a hobby without adequate means of defraying its cost. He would find, in various of the States, Institutions for the promotion of Masonic charity, and a genial hospitality, with the ever-readiness of all Americans to assist the unfortunate wayfarer, in all of them. In England he would note the existence of three grandly-organised Institutions having severally for object the relief of aged, indigent Masons and the widows of Masons, and the maintenance and education for a certain term of years of the sons and daughters of deceased or poverty-stricken brethren. He would learn, with a pleasure he would neither care nor seek to conceal, that the good these Charities did was owing to the munificent contributions of the Craft, nor would he, with this experience before him, be in the least degree surprised to hear that similar societies, but on a far smaller scale, were organised in many of our Provinces. Should he prosecute his researches further, and visit a considerable number of our Lodges, he would find in each an assemblage of very good fellows who, having despatched what, for the sake of appearances, is called business, as quickly as possible, at once sat down to enjoy themselves over a good dinner, with the customary Loyal and Masonic toast-giving to follow. In our Lodges of Instruction he would be edified by hearing, now a disconsolate Preceptor meekly propounding a series of questions and receiving an equal number of oftentimes crooked answers; now the rehearsal of an important ceremony, more or less ably performed. Yet for all the many things that would delight him, he would still be at a loss to reconcile the Masonry of practice with the doctrines of Masonry as laid down by our Constitutions. He would, probably, be in the first instance more than a little disconcerted on hearing from the lips of many worthy brethren that, for all its wide-spread beneficence and philosophic tendencies, they regarded it as a safe investment for themselves and their families against a rainy day. They knew well enough it was a morality, but they had been at the pains of ascertaining further that the morality was illustrated by three Asylums, one for decayed Masons and their widows, and the other two for the education and maintenance of the children of deceased or indigent brethren. Thus, having joined the Fraternity, they at once qualified as Governors to one or all of the Institutions, not only because by so doing they felt they would be doing some service to others; but also with one eye open to the future on their own account, so that if, in the vicissitudes of fortune to which all are liable, they should ever find themselves in the category of decayed Masons, and their families, therefore, be reduced from affluence to comparative poverty, they would at once have at command some source from which they might ask and obtain assistance. There is no doubt a good deal of common sense about this point of view, but it does not exactly accord with our generally, received ideas about Freemasonry. It is quite a mistaken idea to suppose that Freemasonry is a kind of Friendly Society, the members of which combine together for the purpose of assisting each other in sickness or distress, or in pensioning or helping to support the families of deceased members. Let those who regard Freemasonry in this light avoid it, or if they will persist in trying to force an entrance into our ranks, let it be resolutely denied them. The other day, at the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School, one brother had the candour to avow that he had qualified as a Vice-Patron or Vice-President—it is immaterial which—because, in the event of his death, it would afford a justification for his widow and children applying to the Masonic Institutions for help, even though he might leave them in possession of a fair quantum of means. Others openly supported the candidature of the lad Collingwood on the ground that the Boys' School, and by inference, its sister Institution, the Girls' School, were not intended to benefit paupers. That such ideas as these are gaining strength must be evident to all who take the

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slightest heed of the inner life of Freemasonry. Numbers are being admitted yearly into the Craft whose sole object is to make their membership a means for advancing their pecuniary interests, or, in the event of anything happening to them, of providing a something, or the chance of something, for their families. There are those who trade on Masonry—the wine merchant with his Masonic champagne is the latest development of this class—and there are those who, to use a familiar form of speech, have an eye to the main chance in supporting our Charities. We are not objecting to such displays of worldly providence, except in so far as they materially affect the true character of Freemasonry, which is not a Benefit or Burial Society; not an asylum for shaky people on the eve of going bankrupt in their worldly concerns; not a huge charity organisation for the relief of middle-class distress. It will be said our picture is an exaggerated one, and that we are hardly justified in taking the open statement of any brother's objects as conclusive testimony. Let it be so, for the sake of argument. Yet how comes it that, for all the many additions which have been made to the number of beneficiaries in our Institutions, the number of candidates goes on increasing annually? If, in illustration, we take the case of the Boys' School, which has already been referred to; about three years ago, owing to the excess of candidates over vacancies, it was resolved to increase the School by thirty, and there are now close on eighty candidates for the twenty vacancies which will fall due in April next. This must give one the idea that there are a good many people who enter the ranks of Freemasonry not wholly unbiassed by sordid motives.

HARD TIMES.

From the "Voice of Masonry."

A PROSPEROUS professional man, in a recent communication to us, used the expression, "*Times is so hard.*" We read it and laughed. From our infancy up to this time, every year, month and week, we have heard that cry, "Hard times." In 1837, when corn, oats and wheat were abundant, and the latter was only worth twelve and a-half cents a bushel, people bitterly complained of hard times, and yet their only want was money. From that day to this, no matter how prosperous, many have kept up the cry, and it is now one of their worst chronic complaints. If every kind of grain, and fruit, and vegetable, and game, and stock, were as abundant as leaves in Valhambrosa; if money flowed from fountains, and springs and mines, and mints, and government printing presses, in rivulets, in brooks, in creeks, in rivers, in bays, in gulfs, and in seas; if every man, woman and child had constant and remunerative employment; if roses, tulips, lilies, diamonds and pearls were strewn in every pathway, and adorned every domicile, and if Happiness ever bestowed her richest gems to deck the moments of life, still that cry, "Times is so hard," would ring like discordant bells, throughout the land. And why? Because man, no matter how happy his lot may be, nor how perfect his condition, never is contented—never satisfied, and will murmur. The whole course of Time is strewn with his grumblings. The journey of the Israelites from Egypt to Canaan was a train of murmurs, and from that era to this railroading murmuring has been decidedly popular. So universal is this habit that, in all our life, we have met but one man who had no complaint to utter, no murmur to make, and who declared he had no earthly need that was not supplied, and no proper desire that was ungratified.

Now, the fact is the American people do not know what hard times are. They never have had famine, never have experienced real destitution, never have known real want. They always have had "enough and to spare" of every necessary and even comfort of life. They never have had real cause to cry, "Times are hard," and yet many of them have ever done so. Last year, and this, they prospered abundantly. All their crops were excellent, and prices were *good*. Money abundantly flowed into their pockets, and *good* was on every hand of them, yet they would not so esteem it. For this class of the [illegible] on *good* times have never come, and never will, since, no matter [illegible] manifold their blessings may be, they will not appreciate them [illegible] worth, but like many in days long past, will still exclaim, "[illegible]?"

[illegible] these [illegible] of times are hard, and the [illegible] murmuring. To them the beautiful in nature, [illegible], and in life, is as nought to immensity or as nonentity to infinity. Yea, to them the enjoyment of inestimable good is only an experience of hard times, and gratitude and thankfulness are not in their vocabulary. Verily, in all seriousness, it may be asked, What on earth or in heaven will satisfy them, or what can induce them to pronounce anything good?

They cry hard times and do nothing to make times better. They imitate well the balkiest mule that ever lived. Progress is not their forte. They promote no progressive work, and invariably delay payment of their just debts on the plea that times are hard. If they spend a dollar they fear they will never see another, and have a constant dread of dying in poverty. They never reflect that it is just such conduct as theirs that makes times hard and keeps them so. They are and will be "chronic grumblers," and to hope for anything better of them is to but cling to a rope of sand.

Now see the difference. At this moment a letter is received, saying, "There are no idlers here, and *times are good.*" At once a cheerful feeling ensues. It really seems that the sun has increased his brightness, and that life has many precious boons. "Always cheerful," says the song, and "always cheerful" all ought to be. As one of our good German friends, now beyond the Jordan, always said, "even in our saddest hours, we ought to thank the Lord that is as well with us at is." Yea, we ought ever to be grateful that the woof of our lives has far more of the bright than of the dark colours, or, speaking Masonically, that our experience here is checkered with far more of good than of evil.

As Freemasons we have been most impressively taught that whatever our lot in life may be, or however dark, cheerless, rough or rugged our way may appear, we are not to despair nor even complain, since even then the Friend, in whose fidelity we may with perfect safety confide, is at our side and guiding us, and could we but see as He sees, not far distant we would behold beautiful groves, waving grains, elegant gardens, and refreshing streams. Trusting in Him, all dangers will be safely passed, and soon the Cedars of Lebanon in all their grandeur and beauty, the olive groves of Mount Olivet in all their vigour and fruitfulness, Jerusalem in all its magnificence, and the Temple of Solomon in all its pristine splendour, will dawn upon our visions and afford us elysian delight. The small hardships we experience by the way do us no real harm, and their ultimate is an increase of our joy. Only by knowledge of the bitter can we rightly judge the sweet, and if our trust is in God all things shall work together for our good.

The moral of all this is, Do not ever pull backward; do not ever cry hard times; do not ever shut your eyes to the precious blessings you enjoy; do not ever forget that "God is good," nor that His loving-kindness is infinite. Oh! do not ever be ungrateful; ever full of murmurs, but do see the bright side of every event in life, and so help all others to rise to, and stand on, the plains of light and joy. Yea, ever see the goodness of the Lord, and praise Him for it, and all times, with you, will be good.

Obituary.

BRO. J. DANIEL MOORE, M.D.

THE announcement of Bro. Dr. Moore's death will not perhaps be received with surprise among those of our readers who were aware of the long and trying illness he had suffered from for some months past. They will none the less, however, be grieved to hear that one who had so highly distinguished himself in every work with which he had been associated or had undertaken, and who was so universally beloved and respected in the various circles in which he moved, has passed away. His family and friends of course must find it a source of the deepest satisfaction, in the midst of their terrible bereavement, to know that throughout his whole life he had been so honoured, and in his death was so greatly respected. This is, indeed, a consolation to them in the midst of their grief, and must go some way towards alleviating the distress they are now enduring. It is not, however, our province to peer into the sorrows of private life. Our duty is to express, on our own behalf, as well as on that of our constituents, the sorrow that all of us must experience at the loss for ever of so learned, so practical, and so beloved a member of the Masonic Craft. Nor, indeed, is this the full limit of our duty. Two short years have passed since we took upon ourselves the pleasurable task—and it was truly a most pleasurable one—of including him, under the pseudonym of "ÆSCULAPIUS," in the category of those Masonic worthies it has been our delight from time to time to honour. The opinion we then expressed of his merits and position in the ranks of Masonry, we rejoice to say, stand out boldly on record in the pages of this journal, as well as in the series of Portraits which have been collated and reprinted therefrom. Thus, in reproducing in brief what we then said, we run no risk of being charged with undue exaggeration. What we write, now that he is gone, is no undeserved compliment, for it was written when he was in the enjoyment of his wonted vigour, and would have resented anything like an approach to sycophancy. But without further preface or apology let us sketch briefly the Masonic career of our late Brother.

Dr. Moore, though a Mason of high distinction, had not been a member of our Fraternity for any considerable length of time. He was initiated into its mysteries so recently as the year 1865, in the Rowley Lodge, No. 1951, Lancaster, then newly warranted; but his zeal was such that in a very few months after this event he was appointed to the post of Senior Deacon. Two years after, and our late esteemed Brother was elected to the chair of his Lodge, and

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the year following was re-elected to that responsible office. It was during his Mastership, and mainly through his instrumentality, that the late Earl of Zetland, then M.W.G.M., was induced to lay the foundation-stone of the "Royal Albert Asylum for Idiots and Imbeciles of the Western Counties." He had sole charge of the preliminary arrangements for this important ceremonial, and enjoyed the further satisfaction of receiving at the hands of the Grand Master and his principal officers their warmest thanks for the valuable services he had rendered. Provincial honours followed almost as a matter of course, and in 1871—only six short years from the date of his initiation—he received a still higher reward in the shape of his appointment as Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Lodge of England. In 1875, when the Morecambe Lodge, No. 1561, was consecrated by the Earl of Lathom—then Lord Skelmersdale—Dr. Moore was installed by his Lordship as the first Master of the new Lodge. He will further be remembered as a most earnest and able lecturer in various Lodges of Instruction on the subjects specially studied there, as well as on others more or less intimately connected with the mysteries of Freemasonry. He had also frequently played the *rôle* of Installing Master, while so highly valued was his conduct as Secretary, for some eleven years, of his mother Lodge, that early in 1878 he was invited to be present at a complimentary dinner, when occasion was taken to present him with a handsome epergne in testimony of his services. The W.M. presided, and thus expressed himself when handing the epergne to our late brother:—"I have great pleasure in giving to you the sincere thanks of the brethren of this Lodge for the many and valuable services which, from time to time, you have rendered to them, and at their request, and on their behalf, present you with this epergne, which I hope you and yours may long enjoy, and I hope, also, that you may have a long, prosperous, and happy life." He was a recipient of other testimonials, notably of a solid gold Past Grand Officer's jewel presented to him by another Lodge, and a silver goblet of considerable dimensions by a third. He was exalted into R.A. Masonry after the customary interval, and in 1869 was inducted into the chair of First Principal of the Rowley Chapter, No. 1051; on retiring from this office, he was presented with a P.Z.'s jewel set in diamonds. He subsequently filled the chair of Second Principal of his Province, and the office of Grand Standard Bearer in the Supreme Grand Chapter of England. He had equally distinguished himself in Mark Masonry, in which both Provincial and Grand honours were conferred upon him; in Templar Masonry, in the A. and A. Rite—he had taken the 32° S.P.R.C.—in the Order of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, as a Rosicrucian, and in the side degrees. He was further, to his great honour, be it said, a loyal supporter of all our Charities, and had served the office of Steward, to one or the other of them, on some twelve or fifteen different occasions.

The above is a succinct account of our deceased brother's career as a Mason. That it is one we should all strive to emulate is certain, and equally so that it will be the fortunate lot of but few among us to succeed in emulating it. However, by following in his footsteps, we may be able to secure a portion of the respect and esteem in which he was so justly held. To his family and friends, as well as to the members of the several Masonic bodies with which he was associated, we beg to offer our sincere tribute of sympathy and respect. May He who has taken from them one so worthy give them strength to bear with their loss!

BRO. ALFRED ELLIS.

The funeral of our late Bro. Alfred Ellis, No. 933 and I.G. No. 27, who died on the 7th instant, took place at the Tower Hamlets Cemetery, Bow, on Saturday last. Besides the relatives and friends of the deceased, there was a numerous attendance of Craftsmen, all anxious to pay their last tribute of respect to a worthy brother. Among these we noticed Bros. Dr. Loane, B. Cundick, G. H. Stephens, W. Musto, C. Lacey and A. Furness. The ceremony was impressively rendered by the Rev. J. Kitto, the churchwardens of the parish being also present. Bro. Ellis was an active member of the Board of Guardians and of the Vestry of Mile-end, and had successfully held for two years the office of Parish Overseer. The many marks of respect that were shown along the route taken by the mournful procession must have been deeply gratifying to his sorrowing relatives, to whom we tender our sincere sympathy at their loss.

DEATHS.

MORGAN.—At Barnet, on the 19th inst., in her 79th year, ELIZA, wife of WILLIAM AUSTIN MORGAN.

MAIDWELL.—At the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, on the 20th inst., in her 35th year, SARAH, wife of BRO. T. J. MAIDWELL.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

AN especial meeting will be held at the Market Hall, Great Torrington, on Thursday, the 27th inst., at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the transaction of the following business:—Notice of motion by Viscount Ebrington P.G.M.:—"That the P.G. Lodge desires to express its sympathy with Mrs. Huyshe in the loss she has sustained by the lamented death of the Rev. John Huyshe, M.A., &c., and to record, by some lasting memorial, the affectionate esteem in which the late P.P.G.M. was held by the Masons of Devonshire." Notice of motion by Wor. Bro. W. G. Rogers D.P.G.M.:—"That the Prov. Grand Lodge desires to perpetuate the remembrance of the late P.P.G.M. by a memorial window in the Cathedral Church of the Diocese, and that a Committee be appointed to collect subscriptions and make the necessary arrangements." Constitution and consecration of the Torridge Lodge, No. 1885. A meeting of the Committee of Petitions will be held at the Market Hall at noon. A banquet will take place at the Globe Hotel at 4.20 p.m.

SERVICES OF THE ALBERT EDWARD LIFEBOAT, CLACTON-ON-SEA.

WE note elsewhere in our columns the signal service rendered on the 19th instant by the Albert Edward Lifeboat, Clacton-on-Sea—one of the two lifeboats presented and endowed by Grand Lodge of England to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. We now supplement that brief reference by the following narrative, as given by the coxswain, from from the columns of yesterday's *Standard*:—

At six a.m. on Wednesday a signal was given by the Middle Light-ship, Lowness, but the tide prevented the lifeboat being launched. At eight a.m., with the assistance of six horses, the boat was got afloat. The wind was east, blowing hard. Soon after starting we saw the vessel, south-east by east, distant five miles. We made up the boat under a single reefed sail, and beat towards the vessel, which we reached at noon. She proved to be a schooner which had sunk in seven fathoms. Only the masthead was out of the water, and no one was on board. Then we made for Gunfleet, and observed a body floating; we hooked it, and found it was decomposed. We crossed the sand west of the buoy, and stood towards Heaps; we spoke a steamer steering east-north-east. Finding nothing at Heaps or Barrow, we steered for the Middle Light-ship, which reported three vessels and a steamer on the Maplin Sands. The first, a brigantine, supposed to be the Portia, had been abandoned. Obeying a signal from the Maplin Lighthouse, we steered south-west, and sighted a ship which was dismasted. On nearing it we saw a group on the deckhouse signalling; we made for the lee bow, and threw a loaded line, which was seized, and by its means a cable was hauled aboard. The sea was making a clean breach over the vessel, and with difficulty the crew of eight was transferred to the lifeboat. She proved to be the brigantine Hassel, of Hagnesund, Captain Tillsen, from Riga to London, laden with oats. The crew had been on the deckhouse from noon on Tuesday without food—a period of thirty-three hours. Leaving at two p.m., we sighted a vessel with the mainmast gone, four miles to the west. She was the Martha, of Newport, and had been abandoned by the crew, who are supposed to have walked ashore at Foulness Island. We stood towards a steamer on the ridge, about two miles above the Elbow Buoy; but as she was near the land, so that the crew could get ashore, and showed no signals, and as the tide leaving the sands prevented our getting near, we tacked southward to get the advantage of the tide for Clacton. Three miles below the Middle Light-ship [illegible] might not live [illegible] ing them alive by constant rubbing. Therefore we could not respond to the signal, and we arrived at Clacton at 4 a.m. on Thursday. We transferred the rescued crew to the Coastguard, by whom their wants were provided for."

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OUR SCHOOLS AND GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have on several occasions written and spoken on the very important question to which, in your valuable article in a recent number of your paper, you have given justifiable prominence, and I do not consider it necessary to add much to what has already been advanced. I refer to the annual allowance by Grand Lodge to the Masonic Educational Institutions. The equity of the claim for a revision of the commutation effected in 1839 is to my mind so apparent that I fail to recognise the need of argument in its support.

The *principle* of the bounden duty of Grand Lodge to give an annual subsidy to the Schools was conceded by the enactment that a fee of half-a-crown on every certificate issued from the Grand Secretary's office should be paid to each. When the amount represented by such payment fluctuated between £130 and £140, a substituted sum of £150, payable annually, was a very fair commutation. There is nothing in the resolution of G.L. indicating an idea of *fixity* or *finality* in such commutation, and as it goes without saying that it can be readily shown that had the half crown fee been continued the payment to each School would now be upwards of £1200, what reasonable objection can be possibly urged against a reconsideration of the arrangement made in 1839? Why should not Institutions which have so enormously increased the relief afforded to the distress incidental to Freemasonry, as to all other organisations, share in the more enormously increased prosperity enjoyed by our Order for so many years past? I would much prefer seeing the subject treated in a generous spirit, by voluntary action on the part of the Board of General Purposes, to having it brought before Grand Lodge, by notice of motion, from either an interested or independent member; and I sincerely trust that this very important question will be so treated, and that without delay.

As I am writing, permit me to add a line or two on another subject. There appears to me to be a large exercise of ingenuity in finding grounds of complaint against "Our Boys'" School. Fair, free criticism no one can object to; but when it is seriously (?) put forward that that Institution fails in its object because it does not produce "refined, lady-like boys," I think we have reached the lowest depth of bathos.

The battle of Waterloo was said to have been won on the playing fields of Eton; but had the views enunciated by "P. W. M.," in the columns of your contemporary, then obtained, the result *might* have been different. Because Dick and Harry are not quite so well fitted for the parlour—I beg pardon, perhaps I ought to say the drawing-room—are they to be described as coarse and vulgar? I admit, with pride, the robustness and vigour of "Our Boys," but I demur to the description of coarseness and vulgarity, and I appeal to the hundreds of our friends in support of my demurrer. My experience of every walk in life is, that the boys of a family, of fourteen or fifteen years of age, are rarely *quite* so gentle or "refined" as girls of the same ages, and for the sake of future humanity, Heaven forefend that they should be so!

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

London, 17th Jan. 1881.

AN OPPORTUNE SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Reading, 20th January 1881.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I had, as you know, the honour of being installed W.M. of the Union Lodge, No. 414, on Tuesday, the 18th inst., a day ever to be remembered on account of the fearful storm of wind and snow which raged throughout the day and night. After the ceremony was ended, our worthy Bro. Moxhay, who has acted as Installing Master to both our Reading Lodges for many years, proposed, in the most happy terms, that the contents of the broken column should be on that occasion devoted to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, to a branch of which I have acted as Hon. Sec. for the last fifteen years. Bro. Moxhay's kind proposal was no doubt prompted partly by his thought of the weather outside, and the recent reports of gallant deeds by our Lifeboat men, and partly, perhaps, by a wish to pay a compliment to myself. The proposal was at once heartily taken up by the brethren, and the result was that £6 7s 6d was collected for the above purpose. I may add that the proposal met with the warmest approbation from Bros. Binckes and Terry, who both did us the honour of coming through the storm to be present. I venture to ask you to make this known through your columns, in hopes that some other Lodges may be induced to follow our example, and, while not forgetting for one moment their obligations to support our own Charities, try to spare something for the support of an Institution which just now has very heavy demands upon its funds.

I am, yours truly and fraternally,

CHAS. STEPHENS, W.M. 414,

P.G. Treas. Berks and Bucks.

[We consider the suggestion of our worthy and Worshipful Brother Charles Stephens is a most excellent one, and we commend it, accordingly, to the notice of our different Lodges. Every Mason must take a special interest in the welfare of the National Lifeboat Institution, quite apart from the ordinary impulses of humanity. There is no doubt about it being a magnificent institution, no doubt about the invaluable service it renders, and, unfortunately, no doubt about it being at all times, but more especially in such tempestuous weather as is now prevailing, in need of every scrap of pecuniary assistance that can possibly be rendered. So far we Masons and the public generally are of one accord, as we are upon the same level in respect to the Society's claims upon the support of the whole community. But we must not lose sight of the fact that when Grand Lodge determined on voting a sort of thank-offering, in order to commemorate the safe return from India of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, several schemes were proposed, but that which, after due consideration, found favour ultimately was the presentation to the Lifeboat Institution of £4000, for the purpose of building and endowing two lifeboats. These lifeboats have already done signal service, the latest evidence of which reaches us in the shape of a telegram from Clacton-on-Sea, where one of the two—the Albert Edward—is stationed:—

The brigantine Hasselo, of Haguesund, bound from Riga to London, with a cargo of oats, has been wrecked on the Maplin Sands. In reply to the signals of distress sent up from the Sands, the Albert Edward lifeboat, which belongs to the National Lifeboat Institution, proceeded out, and after an absence of twenty-four hours, she returned this morning, all safe, with the shipwrecked crew of eight men. The men were, however, all but dead from the cold.

This, of course, is only one out of many examples of the gallant services rendered by our Lifeboat crews. Yet it cannot fail to have a special interest with the Freemasons of England, who must rejoice that their humble contribution to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution has been of such service to the poor fellows whose duty it is to go down into the sea in ships at the imminent peril of their lives. Other reasons—notably that a third lifeboat, stationed, we believe, at Berwick-on-Tweed, owes its existence to the contributions of our Warwickshire brethren—might be urged in favour of Bro. Stephen's suggestion; but we need not enumerate them. Distress of every kind prevails just now, but among the most terrible to be endured is that connected with, or caused by, the perils of the sea.—Ed. F. C.]

WITHDRAWAL OF VISITORS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have no intention of prolonging what Bro. Gottheil very rightly describes as—in the character it has now assumed—a "useless and purposeless controversy," nor, if I was so disposed, is it likely that you, Sir, would care to have your pages encumbered with such purposeless matter. I must, however, ask you to accord me a little space in order that I may notice the singular idea which Bro. Gottheil appears to have formed of what I suppose I must call the duties of a private correspondent. I said in my last letter that I passed over one paragraph of Bro. Gottheil's letter because the matter it dealt with concerned the editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, not me. It was in that paragraph that he sought to inquire how apparently different statements of view made by the Editor on one and the same subject at different times were reconcilable, and how Oliver could be quoted in favour of one view in 1878, and in that of the opposite view in 1880. Now, I need hardly tell you, Sir, that I had not in 1878, and have not now, anything whatever to do with the editorial conduct of your Journal. I may, perhaps, have read your leading article respecting this "incident" in Bro. Constable's South African adventures; but I certainly had forgotten all about it when I saw your reporter's footnote to the Tranquillity notice. I criticised that note, or rather, the conduct it described, and quoted Oliver from memory as saying something to the effect that when business of a private character was being considered, a Visitor who possessed any delicacy of feeling would retire without being asked, or as soon as he was asked. For so much, or rather for all that I said in my letter, I am wholly and solely responsible; but how I can be held responsible for what was said by the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE in 1878 and 1880 is a mystery which I shall not even attempt to unravel. If Bro. Gottheil is anxious, from a very "natural curiosity," respecting certain apparent or alleged differences of opinion as expressed by you in 1878 and 1880, it seems to me that you are the proper person he should appeal to. I have said twice, and I repeat for the third time, that Bro. Constable's indignation struck me as being not unlike an exhibition of spleen. I have said twice, and repeat for the third time, that, were I Bro. Constable, I should have wished your reporter at Jericho rather than that he should have gone out of his way to refer to what Bro. Gottheil has himself described since as a "half-forgotten incident of no great importance to the high interests of the Craft." I still regard Oliver as an authority as to the propriety of Visitors retiring from a Lodge during the

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discussion of private business. For all this I am responsible, but I have nothing to do with what may have been said editorially in 1878 and 1880.

If pedantry consists in convicting a man of being illogical, I must plead guilty to the charge of being a pedant; but then I was obliged to appear in that character in order to defend myself from the somewhat serious charge of having criticised your reporter's version of Bro. Constable's conduct on a particular occasion in a spirit of long-suppressed anger against that brother. When I read this, I was induced by a very "natural curiosity" to ask Bro. Gottheil for the proof of his assertion. I am now told that it was not what I said, but the *manner* in which I said it, which so angered Bro. Gottheil and impelled him "to express disgust at the studied insolence which characterised and gave tone to what is now pretended to have been friendly criticism." He admits that I, or any other brother, had the right to criticise your reporter's note, and he is now obliged to admit that his charge against me of being prompted in making that criticism by a long suppressed-anger against Brother Constable has no foundation. However, in order to cover his retreat, he finds it convenient to attribute to me "studied insolence" and a pretence of friendly criticism. It must be obvious to your readers, that Bro. Gottheil's fever of disgust, like Bro. Constable's frenzy of indignation, has so completely mastered both his head and his heart, as to have knocked all sense out of the former, and all charitable feeling, as between brothers, out of the latter. He allows that he cannot possibly know anything about me or my character, yet having made one charge and been compelled to retract it, he now insinuates a brace of fresh ones, possibly in order that he may enjoy the pleasure of withdrawing them likewise, or better still, perhaps, in order to show how much preliminary squabbling is necessary to the establishment of the true spirit of Masonic charity.

I am glad to hear he "has been animated by no enmity" towards me, yet in all innocence and without the slighest enmity, I ask—

'Twas all very well to dissemble your love,
But why did you kick me downstairs?

Fraternally yours,

THE IRREPRESSIBLE TOMKINS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Whether or not it was wise on the part of the "IRREPRESSIBLE TOMKINS" to criticise certain conduct of Bro. Constable's may be fairly questioned, as it is a fair question for argument whether he might not have worded his letter somewhat differently. But no mistake or misconception on his part justified the violent personal attack that has been made upon him by Brother Gottheil. The brother who rejoices in the *nom de plume* of Tomkins had a right, as Bro. Gottheil himself allows, to criticise, in the public interest, conduct which he thought was wrong, though he may not have gone about his task in the best way. Still, there was nothing in his letter to justify the assertion that he was influenced in his remarks by a long-suppressed animosity, or words to that effect. If it was necessary for Bro. Gottheil to have his say, he should have done so without setting an example of that very violence of which, in his opinion, Bro. Tomkins had been guilty. As for the criticism having taken the form of an anonymous letter, I see nothing very serious to complain of in that. It was not an attack on Brother Constable's reputation, and the very worst that can be said of it is, that it was questionable taste on the part of the writer to have taken any notice at all of a matter so unimportant. It is only from the fact of Bro. Constable's name having been a good deal before the Masonic world for some few years past, that anything he says or does outside the special sphere of labour he has chosen, can have the slighest interest for the Craft. He has done splendid work for the Charities, but that does not constitute him an authority on the etiquette that should be observed in our Masonic Lodges.

I remain, yours faithfully and fraternally,

H. C. E.

P.S.—I am entirely in the dark as to the personal identity of the IRREPRESSIBLE TOMKINS with any particular brother, and only write this because I consider Bro. Gottheil was not justified in charging him with animus against Bro. Constable.—H. C. E.

GRAND LODGE GRANTS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I fully agree with every word you say as to the advisability of—I will go further, and say the necessity for—Grand Lodge reviewing its annual donation to our Schools. A grant that was reasonable enough more than forty years since cannot be reasonable now that the intrants into Freemasonry have so vastly increased in number. But as regards the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, it must not be lost sight of that Grand Lodge exacts a kind of *quid pro quo* in the shape of votes to the Lodges under its jurisdiction in return for its liberal grant of £800 per annum. I am well aware that even then its grant is largely in excess of those made to the Schools, but the condition exacted makes the inequality less real, if not altogether less apparent. I have not by me at the moment of writing the Rules of the Benevolent Fund, or I would have given you chapter and verse for my statement.

Yours very fraternally,

ANSELM.

[We are obliged to our correspondent for his communication, and shall take an early opportunity of referring to the matter he has noticed. It will, of course, be understood that what we concern ourselves about is the welfare of *all* our Institutions. Each has it admirers and workers, but we admire and work for all three.—[ED. F.C.]

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ANCHOR AND HOPE LODGE, No. 37, BOLTON.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Swan Hotel, Bolton, on Monday, 10th inst. There was a good attendance of brethren. Amongst those present being Bros. J. Mills W.M., R. Pennington S.W., E. M. Garstang J.W., and other Officers; also Bros. G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G. Deacon, Wm. Slater Past Prov. S.G. Deacon, James Newton Prov. S.G. Deacon, Samuel Crowther Past Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works, R. Mitchell Past Prov. Grand Sword Bearer, James Walker, R. K. Freeman, J. D. Porteous, John Morris, Walter Pennington. Visitors:—Rev. W. Chaytor Past Prov. Grand Chaplain, J. W. Taylor Past Prov. Grand Organist, A. T. Cokayne Past Prov. Grand Sword Bearer (Cheshire), Henry Stead 221, and others. The Lodge was opened at four o'clock, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. William Slater P.M. Past Prov. Grand Deacon was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. W. Royley Tyler for the ensuing year. The chair was then taken by Bro. James Walker P.M., who proceeded to instal the W.M. elect Bro. Rooke Pennington into the chair of K.S. The ceremony being completed, the Officers for the ensuing year were invested by Bro. James Newton Prov. S.G. Deacon as follow:—Bros. E. M. Garstang S.W., John Booth J.W., Rev. J. H. Gibbon Chaplain, William Slater Treasurer, G. P. Brockbank Secretary, J. D. Porteous S.D., F. W. Pacey J.D., W. Pennington Inspector of Works, R. K. Freeman Org., J. W. Poynts Inner Guard, John Hardcastle and W. H. Lomax Stewards, J. W. Roiley Tyler. The charges to the W.M., Wardens and Brethren were delivered by Bro. G. P. Brockbank Past Prov. S.G. Deacon. The W.M., in the name of the Lodge, presented Bro. Johnson Mills I.P.M. with a P.M.'s jewel as a mark of appreciation for his services in the past year. Hearty good wishes were tendered by the visiting brethren. Two brethren were proposed as joining members, and Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to a banquet.

ANTIQUITY LODGE, No. 146.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge—to instal the W.M. elect and to celebrate the Festival of St. John—was held at the Bull's Head Inn, Bolton, on Wednesday, 12th inst. There was a numerous attendance of brethren, amongst others Brothers J. W. Dooley W.M., William Cooper S.W., George Taylor J.W.; Past Masters Bros. Henry Ainsworth, John Morris, John Wild, and Robert Horridge. Visitors—Bros. G. J. McKay P.P.G.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, James Newton P.S.G.D., G. P. Brockbank P.P.S.G.D., Thomas Entwisle P.P.G. Supt. of Works, Robert Harwood P.P.G. Supt. of Works, Henry Stead W.M. 221, W. H. Alcock W.M. 348, John Alcock P.M. 348, John Wolstenholme P.M. 348, and others. Lodge was opened at 3.30 p.m., and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. John Wild P.M. then proceeded to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. William Cooper, after which Bro. John Morris P.M. invested the Officers, as follow:—Bros. George Taylor S.W., Richard Duxbury J.W., William Nicholson Treasurer, John Morris Secretary, Fred. Williams S.D., Henry Broughton J.D., John Wild D.C., Wm. Heywood Organist, J. F. Skelton I.G., Henry Tong and John Haslam Stewards, Thomas Higginson Tyler, Thomas Rimmer Assistant Tyler. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren were delivered by Bro. Wild P.M., and the Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to banquet, and a pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.

LODGE OF TRANQUILLITY, No. 185.

THE regular meeting of the members of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, 17th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, when there was a very numerous attendance, under the presidency of Bro. W. D. Bayley, the esteemed Worshipful Master. There were also present:—Bros. Frederick Croaker S.W. and W.M. elect, Thomas W. C. Bush J.W., A. E. Staley S.D., Baron D. Barnett J.D., S. M. Boas Acting I.P., J. D. Barnett P.M. Organist, John Constable P.M. Treasurer, Phillip Levy Secretary, J. Henry Peartree Steward, S. Boas jun. D.C., N. Glückstein, John H. Ross, Nathan Moss, Elias Gottheil, R. F. Potter Tyler, W. F. Upson, James Martin, Alfred H. Cohen, Harry Tipper, J. M. Levy, H. Honeychurch, Abraham Salomons, W. S. Lyon, John Barnes, J. C. Myers, S. T. Gaved, W. Marsdin Smith, Thomas Ager, and John H. Carter. Visitors—Bros. N. G. Durrant P.M. 1056, Edward Coste P.M. 9, George Cavendish 1056, and F. H. Tibbatts S.W. 59. Lodge was opened at half-past five o'clock, in accordance with ancient rites, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Frederick Croaker was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year; Bro. John Constable P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, with many thanks for his past valuable services to the Lodge; and Bro. R. F. Potter was again appointed Tyler. On the motion of Bro. John Constable P.M., it was unanimously resolved that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the Lodge Fund, wherewith to purchase a testimonial to the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. D. Bayley, upon his retirement from the chair. After the transaction of the customary business, Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren adjourned to the coffee-room of the hotel, where a substantial supper was provided by Messrs.

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Ritter and Clifford, whose arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the party were eminently satisfactory. After the prefatory toasts had been honoured, Bro. J. D. Barnett I.P.M. had much pleasure in proposing the health of their excellent retiring Master, Bro. Bayley, whose services to the Lodge could not be overestimated. No one had ever filled that position in their old and reputed Lodge with more real ability or fidelity, and he was sure Bro. Bayley retired from the post he had so worthily filled with the esteem and the affection of all the brethren. He had so endeared himself to the brethren by his admirable working, his urbanity and kindness, that the testimonial which had been voted to him that evening was but a very slight, though sincere, recognition on their part of the regard in which he was held by all who had the privilege of attending the meetings of this Lodge. Brother W. D. Bayley, who was received with loud and prolonged applause, said it was always with a certain amount of diffidence that one responded to the toast of his health so kindly and so flatteringly proposed as his had been that evening. He could hardly find words adequate to express his gratitude for the double compliment which had been paid him by the brethren of the Lodge, but he assured them of his continued interest in the Lodge of Tranquillity, and he should endeavour to do his utmost to promote the welfare of a body amongst whom he had received so much kindness and assistance. He had striven to the utmost of his ability to occupy the position to which, by the kindness of the brethren he had been elected, and to retire from that post with such expressions of satisfaction as he had heard to-night was a proud moment in a man's life. When he took the chair, he heard a great deal about the duties appertaining to so exalted a position, but those duties had turned into pleasures from the kindnesses he had received from the Officers and all connected with the Lodge. Indeed, his path had been one of flowers instead of thorns. In turn, he proposed the health of the W.M. elect, and he could only express the hope that when he left the chair he might receive the same kind expressions as they had accorded to him (the speaker) on the present occasion. He felt certain it would be so, for Bro. Croaker had worked himself up side by side with himself, and had shown such assiduity and such practical care for the interests of the Lodge that it was eminently satisfactory he should have been so unanimously elected to the chair for the ensuing year. He was perfectly convinced that in Bro. Croaker they would find an excellent Wor. Master in the ensuing year. Bro. Frederick Croaker, in acknowledging the compliment paid him, assured the brethren that when he occupied the position to which they had so kindly elected him, he should do his utmost to discharge his duties to the Lodge and to the Craft in a manner that should reflect credit on himself and, he hoped, give satisfaction to the brethren. Several other toasts were proposed, special mention being made of the services rendered by Bro. John Constable, the Treasurer of the Lodge. During the evening some excellent vocal and instrumental music was rendered by the brethren and visitors, and the proceedings were altogether of a very enjoyable and harmonious description.

UNION LODGE, No. 38.

A GATHERING of an exceptionally interesting character took place at Chichester, on Thursday, 13th inst. There was a large muster of Masonic notabilities to witness the installation of Bro. R. G. Raper P. Prov. G.W. for the second time as W.M. of the above Lodge, and who selected as his Senior Warden Bro. the Earl of March, M.P. At the banquet which followed, the W.M. referred to the circumstance of the Earl of March accepting office that day in the Lodge, and to the fact that in due course his Lordship would succeed to the chair. The W.M. said he rejoiced in the circumstance, not simply from the high position of the noble Lord, but because he was keeping up the traditions of his House in thus associating his name again with Masonry. He added that for nearly 200 years the Dukes of Richmond had been connected with Masonry. In 1675 a Duke of Richmond was Grand Master of England; a few years later a Lodge was held on St. Roques's Hill (Rock's Hill), under the auspices of a Duke of Richmond, who also obtained permission to hold a Lodge at his seat at Aubigny, in France, in consequence of which Masonry was much extended in foreign countries. Successive Dukes of Richmond and Earls of March had been Provincial Grand Masters of Sussex and Masters of the Union Lodge in an unbroken line up to 1861, when the death of the much-loved Charles Duke of Richmond, the late Duke, for a time broke the tie. But that evening they had another Earl of March enrolled in their Lodge, holding office in it, and in full prospect of the highest post therein, and under whose kind and genial shelter they might with confidence hope to see the Lodge and Masonry generally flourish and increase. The Visitors included Bro. J. Henderson Scott J.G.D. Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, and the Masons of Portsmouth had a worthy representative in Bro. R. J. Murrell P.M. Landport Lodge, No. 1776.—*Portsmouth Times.*

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 230.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Royal Hotel, Devonport, and was one of the most enjoyable of the season, inasmuch as the ladies were, as on a former occasion, present. The dinner was all that could be desired, and Mrs. and Bro. Parker were especially thanked for their attention to the wants of the visitors, and for their excellent arrangements. The toasts usual on the occasion of the Festival of St. John were duly honoured, and in the course of the evening the Worshipful Master presented his Installing Past Master with a gold Past Master's jewel, engraved as follows:—"Presented by Lodge Fidelity, No. 230, to W. Bro. J. P. H. Harris, in recognition of his zeal and ability as Master. A.L. 5880." The Secretary stated that the finances of the Lodge were in a sound and satisfactory condition. Bro. R. Cawsey, the Secretary, after thanking the brethren for himself, stated that the Treasurer had, on a recent occasion, declined to receive a jewel from the Lodge funds, whereupon the members had resolved to subscribe for one amongst themselves, and the result was the very handsome and massive gold jewel which he had the honour and pleasure of presenting. This jewel was engraved—"Subscribed for, and presented to, Bro. John Lynn P.M. Treasurer, P.P.G.S.B. Devon, by his brethren of Lodge Fidelity, 230, as a mark of their esteem for him, and in recognition of his services to the Lodge. A.L. 5881." The toast of the evening was "The Ladies," Bro. Gover replying "as a wife," and giving the Masons some sound advice, whilst Bro. Orchard replied as a sweetheart. The tables being cleared, a ball and concert followed. Bro. C. Haggarty acted as M.C. for the ball, and there was an excellent band. A young lady of eleven, Miss Bessie Haggarty, pupil of Miss Williams, of Valletort-place, Stoke, who has lately passed a successful examination at Trinity College with honours, performed some choice selections of music, which were highly appreciated and applauded; and Bros. Rendle, Lynn, Ridland, and Orchard gave excellent songs and readings. Bro. R. Ellis presided. Amongst those present were the following Past Masters:—Bros. J. P. H. Harris, J. Lynn, R. Cawsey, William Joll, D. Lynn, A. Rowe, W. Luce, A. Swiss, R. Pike, all of 230; the other Officers and brethren comprised—R. Pitcher, J. Whitford, F. Border, W. M. Ridland, E. Littleton, W. Rattenbury, H. Boyling, Fred. Orchard, J. E. Curteis 189, E. Aitken-Davies 1099, J. Batten-Gover 20, J. Russell-Lord 1247, C. S. Stribbling 70, E. March 202, R. Pengelly 70, James Rendle 1247 W. Coath 893, Hy. J. Trethewy 202, T. Searle 1091, T. G. Peek Metham. The ladies were well represented by Mesdames Ellis, Harris, J. Lynn, Cawsey, D. Lynn, Pike, Pitcher, Whitford, Border, Ridland, Littleton, Boyling, Pengelly, March, Trethewy, Quance, Vahland, Haggarty, Pierce, Bridgman, Sandy, and Misses Stephens, Miller, Boyling (2), Ellis, Berryman, Leader, Brown, and Bailey. Altogether there were about 120 present.

HARMONY AND INDUSTRY LODGE, No. 381.

ON Wednesday, 12th inst., the members of the above Lodge met to celebrate the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, and the installation of W.M. and investiture of the other Officers, which took place at the Masonic Rooms, Shorey Bank. The W.M. elect was installed in the chair by Bro. Franklin Thomas P.M. (Blackburn) P.P.G.R. Oxon P.P.G.J.D. E. Lanc., and the following Officers were invested by Bros. John Wardley P.M. (Darwen): Bros. J. H. Shorrock I.P.M. and Treasurer, J. S. Heavyside S.W., G. W. Thackeray J.W., B. Lloyd S.D., A. Millward J.D., L. Roberts P.M. Secretary, W. Grimshead I.G., John Marsden O.G., J. Wardley P.M. Organist W. Hodgson and C. H. Woods Stewards. There was a large attendance of brethren, including Bros. R. Duckworth P.M. P.P.G.R. E.L. of Blackburn, W. Almond P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Wks. E.L., T. Grime P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. E.L. of Darwen, and other brethren from Blackburn, Bacup, Stockport, Plymouth, &c. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Alexandra Hotel, were a most sumptuous dinner was served by Bro. and Mrs. Bromley. The room was tastefully decorated, the leading feature being three large shields, bearing the monogram, number, and name of the Lodge, and badge of the principal Officer, and affixed behind each principal chair, executed in most artistic taste by Bro. C. H. Woods, Architect, of this town. The Lodge appears to be in a healthy and flourishing condition, and is rapidly gaining strength in numbers and in influence.

WELLINGTON LODGE, No. 784, DEAL.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Public Rooms, Deal, on Thursday, 13th inst., when Bro. Benjamin Wood was duly installed as W.M. by Bro. Bird P.M. 784 P.P.S.G.W. Kent. There was a large number of visiting brethren present; nineteen Past Masters forming the Board. Bro. Wood then appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. Solly S.W., Rev. T. Griffith Rector of Deal J.W., Bridge jun. S.D., Foster J.D., Elliott I.G., Bro. Hayman was re-appointed Secretary, and Browning re-invested as Treasurer. The Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, and partook of an excellent banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and the evening was enlivened by the admirable singing of Bros. Plant and Rhodes, of Canterbury, and Bro. Foster the Host of the Hotel. The Charity box was passed, and the Tyler's toast terminated a very agreeable evening.

MERIDIAN LODGE, No. 829.

ON Monday, the 17th inst., a new Lodge room—built by the R.W. Grand Master of Cornwall, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe—was opened at Millbrook, when a large number of distinguished brethren were present. After the ceremony of opening, and the performance of the several duties, the Lodge closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Devon and Cornwall Hotel, where the banquet was provided. The following Prov. Grand Officers, Officers, and brethren were present:—V.W. Bros. Rev. F. T. W. Wintle W.M. 893, R. R. Rodd, E. J. Worth, W. Veale, H. O'Neil, W. H. Bickford, J. H. Filmer, W. J. Harris, S. Hutchings, and Wor. Bros. A. B. Clives, W. Coath, Past Masters 833; Wor. Bro. H. L. Boyle; Bros. J. Henwood, R. Cawsey, G. Perkins, A. H. Whidden, J. H. Lake, J. Moysey, B. Gray, and many other members and brethen. After the repast, the usual toasts were given and heartily responded to. The meeting the meeting then became convivial.

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MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Lodge of Benevolence held its first meeting for the present year on Wednesday evening. The chairs of President, Senior Vice-President, and Junior Vice-President, were occupied respectively by Bro. Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B. Senior Vice-President, Bro. S. Rawson Past D.G.M. of China, and Bro. Henry Garrod P.M. 749. The attendance of brethren, owing no doubt to the great inclemency of the weather, was not so large as usual. The brethren first confirmed the grants recommended at last meeting, amounting to £590. There were twenty-eight new cases on the list, nineteen of which, after a long sitting, were relieved, with a total sum of £520. Eight cases were deferred, being incomplete, and one was dismissed. The Lodge of Benevolence was then closed.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554.—On Tuesday, the 18th instant, the Fifteen Sections were to have been worked by Bro. P.M. Andrews, assisted by a capital list of good workers. However, it could scarcely have been expected that any number would in such weather as prevailed on that day be at the trouble of attending. Still, Bro. Andrews was to the front, and secured a really good muster. The ordinary work was done, and Bro. Andrews was supported by Bros. Shingfield as S.W., Loane J.W., T. F. Harvey S.D., Judd I.G., and G. H. Stephens Acting Preceptor. Bros. J. Taylor, Wilson, W. Musto P.M., T. J. Tyer, Anderson, &c., were also present. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. J. Taylor candidate. The W.M. worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. A. Judd 1421 and T. J. Tyer 1306 were admitted members, and the working of the Fifteen Sections having been fixed, subject to confirmation, for the 15th proximo, Lodge was closed and adjourned until the 1st February, instead of, as would have been the case, to the 25th instant, owing to the Yarborough Masonic Benevolent Association holding its usual monthly meeting on the latter mentioned day.

William of Wykeham Lodge, No 1883.—This new Lodge has attracted many candidates, and at Lodges of Emergency, on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, the W.M. (Bro. Everitt) initiated eight candidates, being aided in the heavy work by P.M.'s W. Gamon, E. D. Godwin (Mayor), and A. A. Hill. The banquet was held on Wednesday night at the George Hotel. The attendance was good, and Bro. Palmer's catering gave entire satisfaction to the Lodge.

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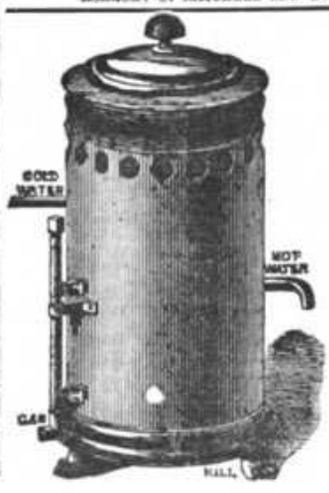
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TESTIMONIAL TO THE PROV. G. SECRETARY OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

THERE was an influential gathering of Masons at York, on Monday, 17th inst., on the occasion of the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. M. C. Peck, who for fourteen years has performed the honorary duties of Provincial Grand Secretary for the Province of North and East Yorkshire. It was at the time of the last communication of the Provincial Grand Chapter in May 1880, that the subject of a testimonial to Bro. Peck was broached, and at that time a committee was formed, with Dr. Bell Deputy Provincial Grand Master as chairman, and Bro. T. Thompson P.M., of Hull, as Secretary, to carry out the idea. Subscription lists were opened, and contributions came in from the various Lodges of the Province, with the result that a very handsome sum was raised. At the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Scarborough in the autumn, it was arranged that the presentation should be made at York, as the most central place, in January, and accordingly arrangements were made, the use of the Masonic Hall was granted by the W.M. of the York Lodge, and the Provincial Grand Master consented to present the testimonial.

All subscribers to the fund received invitations to be present, and there was a good gathering, which would have been much larger but for the inclement nature of the weather. The brethren appeared in full Masonic clothing. The testimonial consisted of a large and massive silver salver, and a tea and coffee service, and was laid out upon a table in the centre of the hall.

The Earl of Zetland Provincial Grand Master took the chair, and, at the request of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Dr. Bell, proceeded to make the presentation. He said it gave him great pleasure to see before him so influential an assemblage of brethren, and he was sure that but for the severe weather many more would have been present. Bro. Peck had been well known amongst them for many years. For a period of over 22 years he had been a Mason, and during most of that time he had acted as Secretary to the Minerva, his mother Lodge. He had also been instrumental in founding more than one Lodge in the Province, and during the fifteen years he had served as Provincial Grand Secretary he had devoted his best energies to the interests of Freemasonry in the Province. He (Lord Zetland) could say that during the seven years he had been honoured by holding the high office of Provincial Grand Master, he could not have wished for better support than he had received from the brethren, and from Bro. Peck in particular, as Provincial Grand Secretary. He had always experienced at his hands the utmost courtesy and kindness. He would proceed to read to them the inscription upon the salver, which was as follows:—

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His lordship went on to say that he was sure he was only the mouthpiece of the brethren of the Province of North and East Yorkshire when he expressed a hope that Bro. Peck might live and prosper for many years to come to enjoy the remembrance of the esteem of his brethren.

Bro. Dr. Bell said he might add to what had fallen from his lordship that the committee had expended a small balance of the fund at their disposal in the purchase of a gold bracelet, set with diamonds and sapphires, which they desired Bro. Peck to convey to Mrs. Peck as a testimony of the respect in which her husband was held by his brethren.

Bro. Peck, in responding, said that there were some periods in the life of every man when he felt embarrassed and at a loss for words, and this, in his case, was one of them. He could only express in feeble sentences the deep honour and gratification he felt in this mark of their confidence, and in the unanimous response of the brethren to the suggestion of the D.P.G.M. They had been pleased thus to express approval of his services. He could only say on his entry into Freemasonry he had made up his mind to make a study of the Royal Art, and to devote his spare time to its interest. Bro. Peck then gave a sketch of his career in Blue Masonry from the time of his initiation to that when he succeeded Dr. Bell as Provincial Grand Secretary fourteen years ago. He could assure them that the testimonial was most unlooked for. Some brethren might think he had not visited the Lodges as much as he might have done, but if this were so, it was due to the pressing emergencies of his own business. He was deeply sensible of the uniform consideration shown towards his imperfections by the brethren, and trusted the G.A. would spare them all for many a year to meet their illustrious chief at their annual assemblies. On behalf of himself and Mrs. Peck he tendered his warmest thanks.

Bro. Dr. Bell, in moving a vote of thanks to the Provincial Grand Master for presiding, said his lordship must have a Masonic heart above blood heat, to have induced him to travel so tedious a journey to be present on the occasion with the thermometer at zero. Sir James Meek seconded the vote of thanks, which was carried by acclamation, and Lord Zetland, in acknowledging the same, said it was never a toil, but always a pleasure to him, to come amongst brethren who were ever so kind and courteous towards himself. He always was glad to meet their wishes in every possible way. Bro. J. W. Woodall proposed, and Bro. Dr. Bell seconded, a vote of thanks to Bro. T. Thompson, the Secretary of the Fund. Bro. Dr. Bell proposed, and Bro. Cumberland seconded, a vote of thanks to the W.M. and brethren of the York Lodge for the use of their hall, which was responded to by Bro. J. Todd, who apologised for the absence of the W.M., who was detained by business. This closed the business of the meeting.

A collation was afterwards held at the Station Hotel, at which about twenty-five brethren met together. In responding to the toast of his health, Bro. Dr. Bell, who presided, said he regretted to have observed in one of the Masonic papers, in a sketch of Masonry in Bath, an attempt to take from York the glory of being the first and original Grand Lodge of England. By a quibble of words it was sought to prove that London was the first *Grand* Lodge. He maintained that York was the first *Grand* Lodge, and if it did not bear that title, still it was *de facto* the *Grand* Lodge, for it exercised the functions of the Grand Lodge, being the annual place of *assembly* of all the Masons' Lodges in England, where the constitutions were preserved and enactments passed for the good of the Craft. He was extremely jealous of the prestige of York Masonry, and he objected to any attempt to filch from York the ancient fame of being the Cradle of English Masonry. A number of other toasts were honoured. We may add that the value of the testimonial exceeded £160.

Amongst the brethren present on the occasion we noticed the following, in addition to those whose names have already been mentioned:—Bros. C. Palliser P.M. 1416, Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works, A. Buckle P.M. 236 Prov. Grand Deacon, J. Murray P.M. 200 Prov. S.G.W., T. B. Whytehead P.M. 1611 P.P.G.D.C., W. Lawton P.M. 236 P.P.G.R., J. W. Walker W.M. 660, W. H. Gainforth P.M. 236, G. Balmford P.M. 236 P.P.G.O., S. Middleton P.M. 1760, J. Copland W.M. 1010 P.P.G.S.B., W. Tesseyman W.M. 57, A. W. Cowper W.M. 561, Geo. Kirby J.W. 236, &c.

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BEADON CHAPTER, No. 619.

THE Installation Convocation of the Beadon Chapter, No. 619, took place on Thursday, the 13th, at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Mason's-avenue, Basinghall street, and was numerously attended; Comps. Wyer Z., H. Thompson H., and F. Sharratt J. Previously to the meeting of the Chapter the annual audit of the accounts was held, and it terminated with the knowledge that there was a very satisfactory balance in favour of the Chapter. The P.Z.'s present were Comps. Coste, Seaman, Green, and Sneed, the latter being the Installing Officer, which duty he has most ably discharged for many years past. The whole of the Companions below the degree of Installed First Principal having withdrawn, Comp. Thompson, who had been unanimously elected M.E.Z. at the last convocation of the Chapter, was presented by Comp. W. H. Green P.Z. and S.E. to fill the exalted office of M.E.Z. for the ensuing year, and was most impressively installed by Comp. W. Sneed, and it was remarked by the Companions who had the privilege of being present, that never was that important ceremony more accurately, impressively, or beautifully performed, and these remarks would equally apply to his rendering of the solemn rites in respect to the installation of Comps. Sharratt and Dodman respectively as H. and J. The rest of the Companions having been re-admitted, the M.E.Z. proceeded to invest the Officers of the Chapter, viz., Comps. Green S.E., Dawes S.N., Coste *locum tenens* for Comp. A. Avery as Treasurer, Dr. Pridmore as P.S., and Bavin as Janitor, offering a few words of congratulation to each, but more particuly to Comp. Green P.S., who he should always look up to with esteem and respect as his father in Royal Arch Masonry. He hoped for many years to see him re-elected into the responsible position of S.E. of the Beadon Chapter. In investing Dr. Pridmore as P.S., he impressed upon him a knowledge of the important duties he had to perform, as without his ready and efficient assistance it was impossible that the business of the Chapter could be properly fulfilled. He then said that he had a most pleasing duty to perform, which was to present Comp. Wyer the I.P.Z., on behalf of the Companions, with a substantial mark of their regard, which was a jewel, unanimously voted to him at the last Chapter. In placing it on his breast, as a token of their goodwill, he trusted that he might be long blessed with health to wear it, and when he looked upon it, he felt assured it would remind him of the high esteem and many happy hours he had spent in the Beadon Chapter. Comp. Wyer, in accepting the jewel, which had just been placed upon his breast, said he should always wear it with pleasure; it had been his earnest desire to deserve it; he had served all the offices, and anything that he could now do to promote the prosperity of the Chapter, would be to him a pleasure; he should always be ready to do anything in his power to maintain that goodwill that had ever subsisted amongst them. The M.E.Z., in investing Comp. Bavin as Janitor, said he also had for many years held that office, and remarked that his duties were very responsible, as regarded the admission of strangers amongst

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them, but he had for so many years carried on those duties to their satisfaction that it needed no comment from him, and he hoped he for many more years would fill that important post. The Chapter was then closed in the usual form, and the Companions adjourned to the dining-hall for refreshment, where an excellent dinner was provided by Comp. Wood. On the conclusion of the repast the customary Royal Arch grace was given. The M.E.Z. said the first toast that was given in all assemblies was that of the Queen, and as he had no desire to occupy the time of the Companions by extolling her good qualities, he should, without further comment, give them the Queen and Royal Arch Masonry; which was responded to with a hearty "fire." The M.E.Z. next proposed the toast of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Grand Z., and remarked that to say anything in his praise would be to gild refined gold; therefore he asked the Companions to join with him in rendering all homage to the toast he proposed, which request was most heartily responded to. The M.E.Z. said as he knew the Companions were desirous of getting to their homes as early as was consistent with their comfort, the next toast he had to propose would be a comprehensive one; it was the Pro Grand Z. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Grand H. the Earl of Lathom, and the Grand J. Lord de Tabley, which was also well responded to. Comp. Wyer I.P.Z. rose; he had the privilege to propose the next toast, which was the health of the M.E.Z. Comp. Thompson, remarking he had great pleasure in doing so, as he felt assured he would discharge the important office to which he had been appointed to their entire satisfaction. The toast was cordially received. Comp. Thompson M.E.Z., in reply, said he felt deeply grateful to the Companions for the exalted position in which, by their unanimous vote, he had been appointed, and could assure them that he would do all in his power to perform the duties to their satisfaction, although he had been called to it much earlier than he expected, and he feared he should but inadequately follow the excellence of Comp. Wyer, who had preceded him; but if they found any shortcomings on his part, he must ask them to give him their indulgence. This, however, he would say, that no effort on his part should be wanting to give them satisfaction, and if he failed it would not be from want of inclination, but of ability. The M.E.Z. said the next toast he had to propose was that of the Past Principals of the Chapter—Comps. Wyer, Green, Seaman, Coste, and Sneed, who had all rendered good suit and service, and on this occasion wished particularly to refer to Comp. Sneed, the installing P.Z.; in doing so he hardly knew how to express his appreciation of the ability with which he had performed the ceremonies of installing the Principals that evening, for nothing could be more impressive or beautiful than the manner in which they had been gone through; any commendation he could utter would fall far short of what it deserved. It was to him a great pleasure; although somewhat of an old Mason he had never been so thoroughly impressed with any ceremony he had before witnessed; it was one of which he would always retain a lively remembrance. Comps. Coste, Wyer, Green, and Seaman briefly returned thanks for the flattering terms in which the M.E.Z. had spoken of them, and Comp. Sneed also acknowledged the compliment that had been paid to him, at the same time stating that at any time any services he could render were always at the command of the Chapter. At this period of the evening, Comp. John Foulger P.Z. of the Domatic Chapter entered the room, and the M.E.Z. said he would take the liberty of interposing a toast that was not included in the programme, for he found that he was that night honoured by the presence of a very old friend, who was, with him, a member of the Domatic Lodge. It was an unexpected pleasure to find him present on the night of his installation into the chair of First Principal of the Royal Arch. He gave him a hearty welcome, and would ask the Comps. to join him in drinking the health of Comp. J. Foulger P.Z. of the Domatic Chapter. The toast was most cordially received, and Comp. Foulger expressed the satisfaction and pleasure he felt in being present on the occasion of Comp. Thompson's installation, and spoke of the pleasant recollections it brought of times past, when they were both members of the Domatic Lodge. The M.E.Z. then said he had now to propose a very important toast; it was the health of Comps. Sharratt and Dodman, the Principals H. and J. He had no doubt that they would well discharge their duties, and in due time attain the high position he now occupied. Comps. Sharratt and Dodman respectively returned thanks, expressing their determination to maintain the reputation of the Chapter. The next toast was the health of Comps. Green and Dawes, S.E. and S.N., and in proposing it the M.E.Z. said that Comp. Green was a most worthy and painstaking Officer, by whom he had been exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, and for whom he should always entertain the highest repect; he believed Comp. Dawes as S.N. would prove a most efficient Officer. Comps. Green and Dawes each returned thanks for the appreciation of their services; they would always endeavour to merit the good opinion of the Companions. In giving the toast of the Treasurer, the M.E.Z. said that Comp. Alfred Avery was one of his oldest friends in Freemasonry, and he deeply regretted that he was absent that evening, the more especially as he (Companion Thompson) understood that it was illness kept him away, but he trusted it would only be temporary. He then proposed, as a toast, "Better health to Comp. Avery," with the best wishes of every member of the Chapter. The toast was heartily responded to. Comp. Coste undertook to convey to Comp. Avery the kind feelings evinced towards him by the M.E.Z. and Companions; he was sure that he would be gratified to know that in his absence he had not been forgotten. Some other toasts were given, and that from the Janitor brought a pleasant evening to a close. Several songs were sung during the evening. Complete harmony and good fellowship prevailed.

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S.S. PETER AND PAUL'S LODGE, No. 1410.

THE installation banquet in connection with this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, 11th inst., at the Swan Hotel, having been adjourned from Tuesday, 9th November, owing to the banqueting room being in an unfinished state at that time. The room presented a very neat and excellent appearance as far as the architectural surroundings were concerned, and also exhibited the fact that a good deal of care had been displayed in the workmanship; but the increased size of the room and the abolition of the partition has tended somewhat to add to the discomfort of the company, as was experienced on this occasion, when many of the members complained of the intense cold. Besides this, the removal of the partition has taken away the ante-room, which was of considerable service, and was much appreciated. The business of the evening, which was of a purely formal character—the installation of the W.M. Bro. A. J. Coles, and the investiture of his Officers, having taken place at the previous meeting—was held in an adjoining room. Host Canon had provided an excellent repast, which gave general satisfaction. On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal toasts were given and well received. The W.M. then gave the toast the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Pro Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present, coupled with the name of Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg Past Grand Chaplain, who, in responding, said that it was thought by some that when the Prince of Wales was appointed Grand Master of England he would simply be acting as an ornamental title-page, but such he was able to inform them was certainly not the case, for he always took a very great interest in Masonry, and particularly in the working part. The Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers Past and Present was the next toast given, accompanied by suitable remarks from the W.M., coupled with the name of Bro. J. Reeve, who, in replying, said he was sure that every one who had the pleasure of knowing Sir Daniel Gooch also knew him to be a thorough gentleman and an excellent Mason. They were at the present time exceedingly fortunate in having Bro. Brownrigg as the D.P.G.M., because as long as he remained in that position they would always have the work well done. The health of the W.M., Bro. Coales, was then proposed by Bro. T. Taylor, who spoke very highly of his abilities as a Mason, and trusted the Officers would endeavour to follow his example. The W.M. briefly replied, and said he thanked Bro. Taylor for his very kind remarks, but thought he had said more of him than he deserved. He should endeavour to do his best to perform the duties of his office, and felt sure he would have the hearty co-operation of his Officers. He would thank them heartily for their very kind wishes, and hoped they might all have a Happy New Year. The W.M. then gave the Past Masters, coupled with the name of Bro. T. Taylor I.P.M., of whom he spoke in eulogistic terms, and was sure that no Lodge could boast of a better Past Master. Bro. Taylor suitably acknowledged the compliment, and was sure the W.M. had said more of him than he deserved, for he had simply done his duty. They had a capital example in Bro. Brownrigg, the first Master of the Lodge, and he thought with such an excellent beginning those who followed ought to do their best to make the working of the Lodge a success. The next toast, the Visitors, was given by the W.M., and was replied to by the following brethren:—Bro. Dr. Bull, who said it gave him great pleasure to be with them on that occasion, and especially to see the excellent working of the Lodge; Bros. the Rev. E. O. Rawson, J. Reeve, — Rogers, W. H. Robinson, R. King, E. Revill, F. D. Bull, and — Pike. The Rev. E. O. Rawson, in acknowledging the toast said, Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, and Brethren, it always seems to me that those who have to respond on these occasions to the toast of the Visitors, are deserving of some sympathy, knowing, as we do, that Masonry has been in existence from time immemorial, and that hospitality has invariably been one of the characteristics of the Craft. You will form some idea of the number of times which this toast has been proposed, and how almost impossible it must be to say anything in reply which has not been often said before. But so near the beginning of the new year as we now are, the toast of the Visitors has more than its ordinary meaning. Our ears have lately been ringing with the words, "Peace on earth and good will to men," and I believe that we, as Masons, do not look upon the angelic song as once uttered, and then pass away, but that we all, constantly, on evenings like this, and at all other times, are anxious to carry its precepts and injunctions into daily practice. But, brethren, I have upon me to-night another thought. I come to you from the very spot in Cheshire which has lately been made famous, both in print and picture, by the sinking of land, the falling of buildings, and the toppling of chimneys; and while one feels that there is work there now for the operative Masons, it comes home to me with still greater force, that we have need to carry out the principles of Freemasonry, in order to perfect the edification of our own moral rectitude. I might also mention to you, that some months ago, Bro. Brownrigg, in the course of some addresses delivered in my parish, spoke to the men at work in one of our largest mines, which is now being closely watched, in fear of an inundation. So that it is possible, if Bro. Brownrigg had delayed his visit until the present time he might have been swamped where he stood, and the Masons of England would have to deplore the absence of a P.G.C.; this Province of its D.P.G.M.; and this Lodge of its energetic Secretary. It only remains for me to thank you for the heartiness of your welcome, to express a hope that the loss you sustained by fire last year was not very great, and to congratulate you on the rebuilding of the walls of your banqueting room. The Officers was next given, and suitably acknowledged by Bros. Cooper S.W. and Terry J.W. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, begged leave to propose a toast. He would have preferred to have spoken a few words on the subject of this toast in open Lodge, but as they had been pressed for time he had been obliged to defer until the banquet that expression of regret which he, as the senior member of the Lodge, felt it his duty to make for himself and for the whole Lodge at the

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absence of Wor. Bro. Richard Hales P.J.G. Warden of the Province. All his Masonic friends knew the energy and zeal with which Bro. Hales did every kind of work he undertook. To him, as the first Junior Warden of the Lodge, the brethren of the SS. Peter and Paul's Lodge owed a debt they could never repay. But it would not be merely amongst Masons that Bro. Hales would be missed. All knew the important office he had held, that of Master of the Newport Pagnell Workhouse, and all knew how in the discharge of every duty connected with that office he had been a just and upright man. Of the twenty-four hours of the day he gave the most to his employers—it would have been well if he had spared more for that recreation which is essential to the health of a hard working man. One of the very few recreations he did permit himself was the membership of the SS. Peter and Paul's Lodge of Freemasonry, but for some years he had declined to hold office, lest by any chance its duties might encroach upon his professional work. Every member of the Lodge knew that never had any part of that professional work been hurried over or neglected for the sake of Freemasonry. They also knew how, in his daily life, Bro. Hales carried out those high principles which, as a Mason, he learnt with the Lodge. Was it possible to imagine any refreshment more suitable for a man whose daily life required a maintenance of the strictest honour and integrity, under many temptations, than the work of a Mason's Lodge, so full of high and noble teaching. Bros. E. Carr, C. Terry, A. J. Coles W.M., J. R. Wilmer, and T. Taylor spoke in the highest terms of Bro. Hales, both as a Mason and the Master of the Union, and the last strongly deprecated the language which had recently been used in respect to the fulfilment of his public duties. The harmony of the evening was sustained as follows:—"The May Pole," Bro. W. Wilmer; "The Jolly Miller," and "The Englishman," Bro. J. Odell; "The Midshipmite," "The Tar's Farewell," and "True Blue," Bro. H. H. Booth; "The British Lion" and "Little Binks," Bro. — Rogers; "Molly Dear" and "Three Little Pigs," Bro. B. Wilford; "Susan Jane," Bro. J. R. Wilmer; "Nobody cares for me," Bro. C. Terry; "Jolly Old Cadger," Bro. J. P. Goodwin; "The Bay of Biscay" and "She Wore a wreath of Roses," Bro. J. Line; and "Noisy Cats," Bro. Smith. The health of Bro. E. George was given by Bro. J. R. Wilmer, and suitably acknowledged. The Tyler's toast, given by Bro. T. Taylor, concluded a very pleasant evening.

SINCERITY LODGE, No. 174.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, 19th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. The attendance of brethren was somewhat small, but when we take into consideration the terrible state of the weather, it may be looked upon as being better than could have been expected. Bro. C. H. Webb the W.M. of the past year was the Installing Master, and it is needless to say that he peformed his task most efficiently. He was supported by the following Officers:—G. Jones Senior Warden, Fred Brown J.W., J. S. Fraser S.D., A. Haig Brown J.D., S. H. Rawley P.M. Treasurer, J. Newton P.M. Secretary, G. T. H. Seddon I.P.M., G. J. Hilliard P.M., C. Lacey P.M., E. J. Moore P.M., W. Fraser D.C., T. F. Harvey I.G. The business of the evening comprised, besides the installation, the initiation of Messrs. E. Goll and W. Henderson; one other candidate, whose name appeared on the summons, not being in attendance. A proposition, of which notice had been given, was brought forward by Bro. Brown, and after considerable discussion, was adjourned. After the closing of Lodge, the brethren proceeded to the banquet room where, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M. Bro. G. Jones, a very pleasant evening was spent. After the brethren had enjoyed the good things provided, the usual loyal toasts were given. Bro. C. H. Webb, in proposing the health of the W.M., referred to the pleasure the brethren must experience in having as a Master Bro. Jones—a worthy and esteemed Brother of their ancient and honourable Lodge. He had performed his duty most efficiently in the past, and he (Bro. Webb) felt sure that when the time should come for him to retire from the chair, he would show that the selection of the brethren had been one worthy the reputation of the Lodge. The W.M. having tendered his thanks, assured the brethren that he very much appreciated the honour that had been paid him in placing him in his present position: it would be his constant endeavour to do all that might be required of him, both in support of that—his mother—Lodge, and of the Charities connected with the Order. He next gave Prosperity to the Charities, with which was coupled the name of Bro. Terry. Had every Lodge, said Bro. Terry, done the same thing in support of the Charities, the Institutions would now have been in a much better position. Not only was the Sincerity to the front on the many occasions when they were represented at the Festivals, but its private donations were both large and numerous. Its annual grant towards the Old People's New Year's entertainment, although of a somewhat insignificant character, showed the kindly spirit by which they were actuated, and he desired to especially thank the brethren for it. At the present time the Benevolent Institution was sadly in want of funds, and it was only by renewed efforts that they should be able to keep up even to the point they had already reached. At the present time there were ninety-nine candidates seeking a participation in the benefits of the Institution, but so far it was only possible to declare twenty vacancies, and thus four-fifths of the candidates would have to be rejected—a state of affairs terrible to contemplate. Bro. Terry had pleasure in referring to the forthcoming Stewardship of the W.M. of the Lodge, and announced with pleasure that he (Bro. Jones) had headed his own list with a personal donation of forty guineas, while up to the present time he had secured promises which enabled him to announce a total of £109. The W.M. next gave the health of the I.P.M. Bro. C. H. Webb, eulogising that brother for the way in which he had carried out the work of the chair during the past year. Bro. Webb expressed his hearty thanks. He looked upon the rank of P.M. in so old a Lodge as the Sincerity as a very great honour for any man to enjoy. He hoped that in the future, as in the past, he should work in such a way as to satisfy the brethren and himself. The Visitors were next honoured, Bros. Hill, Norden, Thorn, Brooks, Morgan, and others replying, after which, the P.M.'s and other Officers were proposed, Bros. Rawley, Lacey, Brown, Newton and others responding. The Tyler was next summoned, and gave the closing toast. Among the Visitors present were—Bros. P.M.'s G. Brooks 902, J. H. Thorn 554, J. Terry 228, &c., Sec. R.M.B.I.; Bros. C. G. Hill 1366, G. B. Chapman W.M. 27, J. How 141, T. Jones 1607, L. Dettmer 179, J. Stannard 1538, J. Stedman 1765, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, L. Norden W.M. 205, W. March 276, T. J. Davy 1471.

The middle of the coming month will be a lively time for the brethren of the mystic tie who patronise the art of Terpsichore, for no less than three Masonic balls are announced to take place between the 17th and the 21st. The first, on the 17th, will be that given in connection with the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, and will be their fifth annual entertainment; like the last, it will take place at the Town Hall, High-street, Kensington. The whole of the proceeds will be devoted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and we trust that the success which attended last year's attempt—when fifty guineas were handed over to the Benevolent Institution—may not only be equalled, but excelled on the present occasion. The price of the tickets is fixed at 10s 6d, and 7s 6d for gentlemen and ladies respectively, the double ticket being 16s. We must refer our readers for further information to Bro. W. J. Murlis, the Secretary, 154 Lancaster-road, W. The second ball under notice, which is that of the Carnarvon and Mixpah Lodges, is announced to take place on Friday, 18th prox., at the Cannon Street Hotel. The experience gained by the brethren of these two Lodges in the past will doubtless enable them to make every arrangement for the comfort of the guests, and we anticipate that this, like its predecessors, will be of a most enjoyable character. Bro. Nelson Reed (St. Helens Lodge, Lee, S.E.) is the Secretary, and he will be happy to answer any inquiries. The price of tickets is fixed at 15s single, and 25s double. The brethren of the Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, have fixed their ball for Monday, 21st February, and they also have secured the Cannon Street Hotel. The ball is under the patronage of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, and the proceeds are to be devoted exclusively to the Masonic Charities. In this instance, as in the others, we think it best to refer our readers to the Secretary, Bro. R. L. Sturtevant, Bonner's Hall Fields, E. The price of the tickets is 21s double, and 12s 6d, and 10s 6d single for gentlemen and ladies respectively. We hope each of the entertainments will be well supported, and that all will prove enjoyable.

R.W. Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., P.G. Warden of England, who has recently been appointed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. to the Provincial Grand Mastership of Gloucestershire, in succession to Lord Sherborne resigned, has kindly consented to preside on the occasion of the Ninety-third Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 18th—instead of on the 11th, as originally fixed—May next.

Miss Helen Heath—a lady of whose vocal talents laudatory mention has been frequently made in these columns—announces that her first Evening Concert will take place on Friday, 4th February, at the Horns, Kennington Park, on which occasion she will be assisted by the following Artistes:—Madame Worrell, Misses Annie Sinclair and Matilda Roby; Messrs. Lester, Montem Smith, Henry Guy, Arthur Thompson, Chaplain Henry, Seymour Smith, and Alfred Moore. Concertina, Mr. Richard Blagrove; Conductors—Messrs. Turle Lee, W. H. Harper, and Alfred Izard. Tickets—3s, 2s, and 1s—can be had of the usual Music Publishers, or of Miss Heath, 20 Chryssell-road, Vassall-road, North Brixton.

SS. Peter and Paul's M.M.M. Lodge, No. 163.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Swan Hotel, Newport Pagnell, on Tuesday, 11th instant. The Lodge was opened by V.W. Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg P.G.C. in the absence of Bro. Hales the W.M. Bro. T. Taylor S.W., the W.M. elect, was duly installed as W.M., and after investing the Officers, a ballot was taken for Bro. E. Carr, who was then advanced to the degree of M.M.M. Other candidates having been proposed for advancement, the Lodge was closed in due form.

DANCING.—Bro. JACQUES WYNMAN, Professor of Dancing, gives daily instruction in all the fashionable Dances to those who are without previous knowledge. Private lessons at any time, by appointment. Families attended. Balls conducted, and first class Bands provided if desired.
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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 22nd JANUARY.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Prince George, Parkholme Road, Dalston.
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1393—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court

MONDAY, 24th JANUARY.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1635—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1818—Clapham, Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common
R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
2000—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford

TUESDAY, 25th JANUARY.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
960—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern Pownall-road, Dalston, at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 16 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

34—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In.)
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1586—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead
1608—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 190—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
K.T.—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 26th JANUARY.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
238—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
962—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.
1388—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1534—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1769—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
230—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 605—De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
M.M. Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 4—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester

THURSDAY, 27th JANUARY.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
99—Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
288—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1636—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 293—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 434—De Burghi, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
R.A. 1066—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
R.A. 1214—Scarborough Hall, Scarborough, Caledonian-road, Batley
M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T.—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale
K.T.—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 28th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction.)
834—Hanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 29th JANUARY.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
R.A. 306—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday evening, the 8th of January, at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. Thomas Hamer W.M. presided, and was supported by his Officers. The minutes of the last Lodge were confirmed, and a ballot took place for Mr. James Lodge, who was a candidate for admission into Freemasonry. The ballot was unanimous in his favour, and he being in attendance was most impressively initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry, the W.M. giving the brethren a good opportunity of judging of the propriety of the choice they had made. Some business of a nature referring to the management of the Lodge was disposed of, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. The dinner was well served, and the attendance of waiters was all that could be desired. On the removal of the cloth the W. Master gave the Queen, coupling with the toast that of the Craft. The next toast was a comprehensive one, as it included H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom Deputy G. Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present, which was duly honoured. Bro. Blackie I.P.M., in very complimentary terms, proposed the health of Bro. Hamer

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W. Master, and alluded to the excellent manner in which he had gone through the ceremony of initiation that evening, showing that the brethren had made a good selection when they elected him to the chair. The Worshipful Master, in returning thanks for the toast so flatteringly proposed by Bro. Blackie the Immediate Past Master, and so cordially responded to by the brethren, said he was very grateful for the honour they had conferred upon him, and expressed his determination to do everything in his power to promote the prosperity of the Lodge. He next gave the health of their brother initiate, Bro. Lodge, who had selected that Lodge as the one into which he would be received into the great Brotherhood of Freemasonry. He believed that he would prove a worthy member, for the tongue of good report had been heard in his favour, he having endeared himself to all who knew him from his kindness and genial good nature. Bro. Lodge, in responding to the toast, said he thanked the W.M. for the very kind way in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the equally kind manner in which they had received it. He (Bro. Lodge) had not entered the Lodge without due consideration as to the step he had that night taken; he hoped to become a good Mason, and that he would never disgrace the Lodge to which he had been admitted. Some formal toasts were given, and the proceedings were brought to a close at an early hour, Bro. Steedman giving the Tyler's toast. A number of songs were sung, and complete harmony characterised the whole proceedings.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—The regular weekly meeting was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 14th January. Not one of the Officers appointed at the last meeting was in attendance, so the brethren invited the Hon. Secretary, Bro. Gunner, to take the chair, and with Bros. Monson S.W., F. Botley J.W., Mason S.D., Dorey J.D., Sperring I.G., Daniels, Kent, and Nash (of Perfect Unanimity Lodge, No. 150, Madras), Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. Bro. Daniels volunteered as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The call to refreshment was given; after a short interval, labour was resumed, and Bros. Sperring and Daniels answered the questions leading to the second degree. Bro. Monson was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing Friday evening. Bro. Nash was unanimously admitted to membership in this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Gunner, in the name of the brethren, gave him a cordial greeting. Bro. Nash expressed his gratification at his admission, and thanked the brethren for the hearty welcome he, a Mason from a foreign clime, had received at their hands. The brethren expressed concern upon learning that Bro. Blasby (the W.M. of the mother Lodge) was obliged to keep his room, and that Bro. Brill (the host of the Star and Garter) was also unwell. Lodge was then closed.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 12th Jan., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. William Ferguson W.M., E. J. Blackwell S.W., R. Dowsett J.W., J. T. Stranson Treasurer, W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, C. R. Honey S.D., J. H. Hawkes J.D., W. J. Browne D.C., W. Ravenscroft Steward, R. C. Prickett I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters—Bros. Danks I.P.M. Prov. G.S. of Wks. Berks and Bucks, T. J. Pulley, E. Margrett; Members—Bros. Knight, Weatherhead, H. Ferguson, Cordrey, Hammett, Bailey, Titcombe, Collins, Wort, Breton, Goff, James; Visitors—Bros. W. F. Cottrell P.M. and W.M. "Friendship" 278 D.G.S.W. Gibraltar. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. W. E. Parks as a candidate for initiation; he was elected. Mr. Joseph Greenaway was initiated into the mysteries of the Order. The W.M. announced that Bros. Goff, Knight, and James were candidates to be passed to the second degree; they, after giving proof of their efficiency in the former, were passed to the degree of F.C., the ceremony being performed by the W.M. in a most correct and impressive manner. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, when the W.M. announced that he had received communications from the three Masonic Institutions, and that he had decided to represent the Lodge at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; he added that he hoped the brethren would support him with their contributions, so that his list might compare with those of his predecessors. Bro. Margrett P.M. gave notice of motion, "That the sum of ten guineas from the Lodge Fund be added to Bro. Ferguson's list." The W.M. returned thanks for the kind intimation of Bro. Margrett. After proposing and seconding a candidate for initiation, and the usual ceremonies, the Lodge was closed according to ancient form. We congratulate Bro. Ferguson upon the success he has thus far in his year of office attained.

Sphinx Lodge, No. 1329.—The brethren of the above Lodge assembled at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Saturday, the 15th inst., for the transaction of important business. The Lodge was opened at 5 p.m. The W.M. (Bro. B. R. Bryant) presided, supported by his Officers. The minutes of last meeting were read by the Secretary (Bro. J. Hernaman), and confirmed. Mr. Charles Cockle, of 2 Commercial-place, St. John's Hill, Wandsworth, having been ballotted for and approved, was initiated, the ceremony being most impressively rendered by the W.M. A resolution passed at the previous meeting of the Lodge—namely, "That a jewel and collar be presented to Bro. Lyon I.P.M., in recognition of his services to the Lodge as W.M."—was then confirmed, as was another resolution—"That a jewel be presented to Bro. J. J. Brinton, in recognition of his valuable services to the Lodge as Steward for four years." A third resolution, which had been proposed by Bro. Middlemas—"That five guineas from the Lodge funds be presented to Bro. W. Andrew, as a Life Subscriber to one of the Masonic Charities, in recognition of his services to the Lodge as Secretary for a long series of years"—was carried with acclamation. The W.M., in brief but eloquent language, presented the jewels to Bros. Lyon and J. J. Brinton, who acknowledged, in appropriate terms, the honour conferred upon them, their remarks eliciting loud applause. After labour in the Lodge had ended, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where Bro. C. G. Slawson, of 736 Old Kent-road had provided a capital repast, replete with every delicacy. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal, Patriotic, and Masonic toasts were given and honoured. The proceedings were enlivened by some excellent songs and recitations. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

King's Cross Lodge, No. 1732.—This Lodge held its regular monthly meeting on Saturday, the 15th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. Present—Bros. J. T. Briggs W.M., H. Stiles S.W., H. Higgins J.W., F. Saintsbury Secretary, J. J. Michael P.M. Treasurer, L. Jacobs as S.D., B. Kauffmann as J.D., C. B. Putland D.C., W. R. Yates Steward, F. Fletcher as I.G., and J. Daly Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. W. M. Stiles I.P.M. and T. W. Knight. Visitor—Bro. Valentine, Montefiore Lodge. Minutes were confirmed. Bro. F. C. Austin was passed to Fellow Craft, and Bro. Henry Stiles S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. J. Michael P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and J. Daly re-elected Tyler. Bros. Deighton, Hubbard, and Amor were elected an Audit Committee. A Past Master's jewel of the value of £10 10s was voted to Bro. J. T. Briggs W.M., for his able working during the past year. Bro. Henry Stiles S.W. announced his intention of representing the Lodge at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and succeeded in obtaining the sum of £50 for same. A banquet followed, presided over by the W.M. in his usual happy manner, supported by P.M.'s Bros. Stiles, Michael, &c.

King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—The weekly meeting was held on the 16th inst., at Bro. Devine's, the Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square. Bros. N. Valentine W.M., F. Silvester S.W., J. Cohen J.W., Devine Treasurer, L. Jacobs as Secretary, Guyer S.D., Burgess J.D., B. Kauffman I.G., A. Hemming Preceptor; Bros. G. Denham, H. L. Phillips, Lambourne, J. C. Smith, and H. M. Levy. After preliminaries, the first and second sections of the first lecture were worked, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. H. M. Levy acting as candidate. Bro. F. Silvester was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. informed the brethren that the King's Cross Masonic Association, in connection with the Lodge of Instruction, has a total of 27 members. He felt pleased to see their Preceptor, Bro. Hemming, again with them. Bro. Briggs, the W.M. of the parent Lodge, has signified his intention of being present on the 6th of February, to rehearse the ceremony of installation.

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THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

A FEW weeks hence, and the Anniversary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be upon us. The circumstances of the time are not, perhaps, what we should exactly wish for, but the generosity of the Craft is such that we may anticipate the result of the Anniversary Festival on the 23rd proximo will fully equal the most enthusiastic hopes of our most diligent and enterprising friend, Bro. James Terry. Moreover, West Yorkshire, in the person of its genial and ever-ready chief, will play the leading part on the occasion, and having regard to the energetic support which this most influential Province invariably renders to every Festival, we may reckon that it will emulate and not improbably succeed in surpassing the efforts of other among our larger Provinces in furtherance of the interests of our several Charities. Sir Henry Edwards is himself so popular, and so deservedly popular, that, as far as he is concerned, we may look to a grand success, whilst his Province is so eager in support of all our Institutions, that we may anticipate a brilliant result, even if the circumstances were a thousand times more discouraging than they are.

There are, however, a few points to which we should wish to draw attention. We have latterly noted that while Grand Lodge is liberal in the bestowal of its bounty in the shape of annual grants to the Benevolent, its contributions to the Schools remain exactly at the figure at which they were arranged over forty years since. We have admitted that the Benevolent Institution, as being the offspring of Grand Lodge itself has in fact a claim upon it for a generous support. We individually and journalistically know of no distinction between this or that Masonic Charity. We believe firmly in all. We recognise as an indubitable fact that all are necessary, and we make a point of supporting and advocating the support of each and every of them, because they are so very necessary. But readily allowing, as we do, that Grand Lodge should favour its own child, we are strongly impressed with the necessity for its reviewing the arrangements which were made so far back as the year 1839. There is so vast a change in the condition of Freemasonry as between then and now, that all our brethren will admit that what was the height of liberality then cannot carry with it the same designation at the present time. There are, we believe, eight times as many initiates in the year as there were then, and the subsidies to our Schools should be in proportion, or nearly so.

But all is not gold that glitters, and in the bestowal of its liberality on the Benevolent Fund, Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter likewise have been careful to exact a perfectly legitimate *quid pro quo* for their handsome contributions. Grand Lodge, it may be repeated, contributes annually to the Male Fund of the Benevolent Institution £500, and to the Female Fund £300. In respect of these Contributions it receives, according to the Regulations of the Institution, certain votes—that is to say, the W.M. of every Lodge is entitled, in consideration of these Grants, to two votes at every election to the Male Fund, and one vote at every election to the Female Fund. Similarly, in return for the Grants of Grand Chapter, every Chapter, in the person of its M.E.Z., is entitled to two votes Male Fund, and one vote Female Fund at every election thereto. As there are about 1750 Lodges on the roll of Grand Lodge, this, of course, amounts to an aggregate of some 3500 votes in respect of the Male Fund, and 1750 votes on behalf of the Female Fund; while, if we estimate the number of Chapters at 600, the return for the grants of £100 per annum to the Male Fund, and £50 per annum to the Female Fund are counterbalanced by 1200 votes—two to the M.E.Z. of each Chapter, in respect of the Old Men election, and 600 votes in respect of that of the Old Women. Thus, Grand Lodge, in return for its annual Contribution of £800 to the two Funds, receives over 5000 votes, while Grand Chapter, in respect of its £150 to the same two Funds, receives 1800 votes. All this, of course, involves—to mention one single item only—a large outlay for postage, not far short, in round figures, of £15 a-year. However, Grand Lodge liberally supports this Institution, which is, in every way, so worthy of support, and which, to speak only from the records of the past few years, meets with a sympathy from the general body of the Craft which is most creditable. At the same time, it is just as well to point out, with reference to our recent article on the question of increased grants by Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter to our two Schools, and draw attention to the difference in the conditions under which those bodies contribute to our three Institutions. In return for its annual grant of £150, which, by the way, represents the interest on £5000 Government Three Per Cent. Stock, to each School Grand Lodge exacts no votes whatever on behalf of its Lodges, nor does Grand Chapter do so in respect of its two grants each of ten guineas—the interest on £350 Stock. On the other hand, as we have shown above, Grand Lodge, or rather the Lodges acknowledging its obedience, receive over 5000 votes annually in return for its £800, which is equivalent to the interest on about £27,000 invested in Government Stock; while Grand Chapter in like manner receives for its subordinate Chapters some 1800 votes in return for its annual £150—the interest on £5000 Stock. Thus the Schools receive their allowance unconditionally, the Benevolent receives its conditionally.

Bro. Terry has been, we rejoice to say, in a position to announce a large aggregate of contributions at each of the more recent anniversaries. May it be his good fortune to announce an equally successful aggregate on the occasion of the Festival now approaching! We may trust to Sir H. Edwards and the Province of West Yorkshire, of which he is the G. Master, to do their share. We doubt not the rest of the Craft, both Metropolitan and Provincial, will play their part as admirably.

THE PHILADELPHIA QUESTION.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

[Continued from p 18.]

A WAG is said to have convinced a crowd that the lion at top of the late Northumberland House, in the Strand, had wagged its tail. If the glorification of Masonry had been concerned, I really believe that said wag could have persuaded a Masonic crowd that the tail wagged the lion. Take for instance the earliest Masonic MS. viz., the Halliwell poem. Its author began the History of Masonry with Euclid, and English Masonry with Athelstan, and this was taken as history for a century. The next writer, viz., of the Matthew Cooke MS., not only incorporated the above into his history, but also added numerous inventions of his own. From that time Lamech become the founder of Masonry, and St. Alban the founder of English Masonry, &c., &c. Anderson began his Masonic history with Grand Master Adam, and Adam reigns supreme in the believing minds of orthodox English Masons to the present time. An ingenious

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brother invented a series of degrees, viz., "Ancient and Accepted Rite," and crowds of our *silk stocking* brethren believe that said Rite is *ancient*; another invented degrees, which he called the "Primitive Rite," and crowds of *cotton stocking* Masons now swear that it is a *Primitive* Rite. I really cannot understand how Masons who teach that "truth is a divine attribute, and the foundation of every virtue," should so zealously come forward in defence of these inventors and inventions, while the exposer of those errors is compelled to run the gauntlet.

This proclivity on the part of Masonic writers to falsify history, imposes upon the Masonic student the necessity of extra caution. Thus, in studying any branch of history (*early ecclesiastical history always excepted*) we may, as a rule, believe in the statements made in original records, or by contemporary writers; but in studying Masonic history, we are first bound to ascertain whether the records are original, and whether the contemporary writers are reliable.

For instance, since 1842 I have been assured again and again by *high authorities* that the Massachusetts Grand Lodge possessed original records from 30th July 1733. In 1867, when conversing with P.G.M. Dr. Winslow Lewis about the claims of New Jersey to Masonic priority in America on account of Daniel Coxe's deputation of 1730, "Oh!" replied Bro. Lewis, "New Jersey has not got a scrap of record of that period, while we have original records from 1733." In 1869, the said records were submitted to my examination, and in less than a quarter of an hour I became fully satisfied that up to 1750 Massachusetts *had no record at all*. And what is more, I found the whole record from 1733 to 1750 abounding in mis-statements. Now, under date 24th June 1734, is the following paragraph:—

"About this time our Worshipful Bro. Benjamin Franklin, from Philadelphia, became acquainted with our Rt. W. Grand Master Mr. Price, who further instructed him (Franklin) in the Royal Art, and the said Franklin, on his return to Philadelphia, called the brethren there together, who petitioned our Rt. W. G. Master for a constitution to hold a Lodge; and our Rt. W. Grand Master having this year received orders from the G.L. of England to establish Masonry in all North America, did send a deputation to Philadelphia, appointing the Rt. W. Benjamin Franklin first Master, which is the beginning of Masonry there."

Since 1792, when the Rev. Bro. Harris's history of Masonry in Massachusetts was printed, until I overhauled the record in 1869, every one believed in the above paragraph. In Moore's "Life of Price, 1857," he assures us that Franklin's warrant "bears date June 24th, 1734," &c., &c., though Franklin's petition was not written before the 28th November following; as Moore was a *very high authority*, no one doubted his statements.

In January 1874, Bro. MacCalla's article appeared in the "Masonic Magazine," in which he stated, "The City of Boston, Massachusetts, is the mother of American Masonry . . . And from this G.L. the earliest Lodges in Pennsylvania, Virginina, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, &c., &c., owed their origin."

In my article, in the same magazine, of April ensuing, I called Bro. MacCalla's attention to Franklin's letter of 28th November 1734, signed "B. Franklin, G.M.," and further informed him, that Hyneman's Register refers to a Masonic meeting in 1732, at Philadelphia, and advised him to look over the Philadelphia newspapers of that time, &c. My arguments turned Bro. MacCalla's Masonic history *topsy turvy*; and Masonic fashion, he jumped from one error into another. Having found out that in 1730 Coxe got a deputation, and that in 1732 a G.L. was organised at Philadelphia, he put this and that together and made one out of the two. And as soon as Bro. MacCalla proclaimed that he saw (metaphorically speaking) the Philadelphia tail wag the lion, a crowd of Masonic luminaries immediately believed in the wagging lion. Now, as I was really the instigator of Bro. MacCalla's researches, and as I am not over and above in love with the G.L. of Massachusetts, I would have been anything but sorry had the pride of the Massachusetts G.L. been pulled a little further down. But, as I do not allow my likes and dislikes to bias my judgment on historical questions, I was compelled to take issue with Bro. MacCalla's assumption.

In my subsequent reply to Bro. MacCalla, I called his attention to the strongest evidence on his side, viz., the letter of Henry Bell, of 1754 (already quoted in this paper by Bros. Gould and Hughan), which had slipped Bro. MacCalla's memory. But I added my want of faith in its authenticity. The existence of that letter was first revealed to the world at the dedication of the Philadelphia Masonic Temple, in 1873, and but a fragment of it was quoted by the orator. The questions I asked were,—Who has got that letter? Why do they not print the whole document? and how came that letter to be preserved from 1754 to 1873? These questions must be answered before the said letter is admitted as evidence; we must also be satisfied that the letter is genuine, and that the writer of it was reliable. The late Bro. Leon Hyneman, a Philadelphia P.M., told me that he did not believe in the said letter, and he wrote the same to P.G.M. Nickerson, of Boston.

I shall now call attention to a fact which ought to shake the credulity of even Bros. Philadelphos and Hughan. I have referred above to Hyneman's Register, which was published in 1860. I glanced over the said work long before I began to write for the Masonic press. Therein I first read Franklin's letter, and also about the Masonic ingathering at Philadelphia 1732. I also remembered some allusion therein to Thomas Oxnard having granted a charter or deputation to Philadelphia. A few days ago I thought that I ought to refresh my memory about these subjects, and the following paragraph therefrom will I hope throw new light upon the question at issue. Bro. Hyneman's book says (p 355)—

"On the 10th of July 1749, Thomas Oxnard, Esq., who had received the appointment of Provincial Grand Master of North America, appointed Benjamin Franklin, Esq., Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania, with authority to appoint other Grand Officers, to hold a Grand Lodge, issue warrants, &c. Under this warrant a Grand Lodge was held on the 5th of September 5749, at the 'Royal Standard,' on Market-street, near Second; and Grand Master Franklin appointed Dr. Thomas Bond D.G.M.; Joseph Shippen S.G.W.; Philip Syng J.G.W.; William Plumsted G. Treasurer; Daniel Byles G. Secretary. At the same meeting a warrant was granted for a new Lodge in the City of Philadelphia to James Pogreen and others. At a communication of the Grand Lodge, held 18th March 5750, William Allen, Esq., Recorder of the City of Philadelphia, presented his commission from the Grand Lodge of England, appointing him P.G.M. His commission was recognised, and he appointed Benjamin Franklin D.G.M." To which Bro. Hyneman adds:—"The record from which we extract the above states, 'As far as the minutes of the modern G.L. go, Dr. Franklin was never absent from the meetings.'"

Having discussed the two theories advanced for the origin of legitimate Masonry in Philadelphia, and having shown that both are untenable, I shall now proceed to argue, from the above paragraph, that Oxnard was the actual founder of legitimate Masonry there. Henry Price claimed to have been appointed in 1733 P.G.M. of New England, and to have received from the G.L. of England, in 1734, power to establish Masonry in all North America. *I believe that his claims were unfounded.* But be that as it may, Robert Tomlinson was certainly appointed P.G.M. of New England, in 1736. Tomlinson was lost by shipwreck in 1742, or 43; then Oxnard succeeded Tomlinson, with the additional title of P.G.M. of North America; or at least, over those colonies where no P.G.M. was appointed by the G.L. of England; and his deputation was dated 23rd September 1743. Now, it seems that in 1749 Messrs. Allen, Franklin, and Co., of Philadelphia, got tired of playing *bogus* Grand Masters, and were desirous of having a G.M. appointed by the G.M. of England. And as the English G.M. would have refused a deputation to *bogus* Masons, hence Oxnard made Franklin G.M., in 1749 a Philadelphia G.L. was established, &c., &c.; and this appointment by Oxnard answered the purpose; for Bro. Allen received from Lord Byron (the English G.M.) a deputation a few months after Oxnard established legitimate Freemasonry in Pennsylvania.

Within a few days Bro. P.G.M. Nickerson called my attention to a minute in the Boston G.L. record, under date April 10th 1752; viz.: "For the Lodge at Philadelphia, Bro. MacDaniel appeared, and paid for their Constitution £31 10s."*

The above minute confirms the truth of Bro. Hyneman's quotation from a Philadelphia record of the Franklin G.L.

When I wrote upon the Philadelphia subject about four weeks ago (the paper was differently headed) I intended to find serious fault with Bro. Gould for the hesitating and ambiguous style of his first communication. But in the succeeding articles he makes amends, and we now stand on the same platform on the Philadelphia question. Bro. Gould disbelieves that No. 79 was a Philadelphia Lodge, and disagrees with the interpretation ascribed to the Henry Bell letter, if he does not even doubt its authenticity. So far so good. But I think that he ought to have given Bro. Hughan's knuckles a few sharp raps, *which he richly deserved.* Instead of doing so, in order to comfort Bro. Hughan, Bro. Gould made suggestions as unfounded and opposed to reason as the Coxe-Philadelphia theory itself. To remove a cancer effectually, every rootlet and particle must be cut out, and the same must be done when removing Masonic errors. I wish Bro. Hughan, from the bottom of my heart, all the comfort in the world he desires, save and except the comfort of indulging in Masonic errors; for he is justly accepted as a great Masonic authority, hence his indulgence in error is apt to make a great number of converts; and this very diffusion of error goes, as it were, against my grain. Now, to comfort Bro. Hughan, Bro. Gould assures him that he agrees with him in the belief "that the entry in the Dublin *Pocket Companion* referring to Lodge No. 79 was no invention of the [Dublin] compiler." And he intimates that the Dublin editor copied "No. 79, Hoop, etc., Philadelphia," from an English Lodge list of 1734. That "79, Hoop in Water Street," etc., is a pure fabrication, Bro. Gould does not deny. But why he attributes the said fabrication to an English Mason of 1734, instead of to an Irish Mason of 1735, is more than I can conjecture. Surely English Masons have enough sins to answer for in the *fabrication* line, and I cannot see why Bro. Gould should take the trouble of laying an additional sin upon English shoulders, when the evidence clearly denotes that the sin belongs to an Irish shoulder. Bro. Gould's suggestion about a picture of a *tun* having been mistaken for a picture of a *hoop*, is equally far-fetched and unfounded; for I do not believe that either a Philadelphia *tun*, or a Philadelphia *hoop*, was ever engraved on an English Lodge list. Let us not forget the adage,—

"A man convinced against his will,
Remains of the same opinion still."

Hence, while Bro. Hughan *at last* submits to Bro. Gould's decision on the question at issue, the suggestions of Bro. Gould above referred to, may, I very much fear, cause in Bro. Hughan's mind a revival of all the errors against which I have been contending. In conclusion, I thank Bro. Gould for the trouble he has taken on behalf of reason and truth, and I hope and trust that in the next edition of Bro. Woodford's Cyclopædia the account of the origin of legitimate Masonry in Pennsylvania will differ from that of the first edition of said work.

Boston, U.S., 7th January 1881.

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* The £31 10s paid as above stated, was paid in a depreciated currency called "Old Tenor." A pound was worth about 1s 9d, the £31 10s really amounted to no more than two guineas and a half—the sum due for the Lodge Franklin chartered in 1749. I cannot however, refrain from adding, that if the Boston authorities had done their duty, that money should have been sent to the G.L. of England, and had that been done, the Philadelphia Lodge of 1479 would have appeared on an English Lodge list. But I am sorry to say that our Boston Masonic dignitaries of the last century were not over scrupulous about paying debts to the G.L. of England.

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OUR SCHOOLS AND GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am very glad you have drawn attention to the smallness of the annual subsidies paid by Grand Lodge to our Schools. It is quite true, as your correspondent "ANSELM" states, that, in return for its contribution of £800 per annum, the Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in its jurisdiction are entitled to certain votes—two at each election to the Male Fund, and one at each to the Widows' Fund. So, for the matter of that, do the M.E.Z.'s of the different Chapters, in return for the contributions of Grand Chapter. But though, as "ANSELM" says, that may make the inequality less real as between the grant to the Benevolent and those to the Schools, that is no consolation to the latter. I see no reason why any votes should be given in return, but if they must, I should say Bros. Binckes and Hedges would raise no objection to a similar allotment of votes in return for a large grant; at all events, I should think they would rather do so than receive the present small, if unconditional, grant. For instance, suppose Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter increased their respective grants to the sums you suggest—namely, £500 and £52 10s—the additional amount would enable each School to add ten more pupils to its strength. What an incalculable advantage this would be in the case of the Boys' School may be judged from the fact that at the present time there is a list of seventy-six approved candidates for the twenty vacancies which will be balloted for in April next. Now Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter between them educate four boys and four girls, but in that event, they would be educating *fourteen* in each Institution. There is this further point to be taken into consideration. In 1839 the grant of £150 was an appreciable fraction—say roughly a tenth—of the whole income of each School; now it is a mere flea-bite, being about a hundredth part of what is raised by the voluntary contributions of the Craft. As Bro. Binckes has pointed out, if the payment of half-a-crown per certificate had not been commuted into an annual grant of £150, each School would now be in receipt of £1200 annually from Grand Lodge alone. Grand Chapter recognises the moderation of its annual subsidy by its frequent liberal contributions of a special character. According to Grand Lodge Calendar, however, the last time Grand Lodge made a special grant was in the year 1856, or quite a quarter of a century ago.

I remain,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

A. L. T.

London, 26th January 1881.

THE ST. AMBROSE LODGE, No. 1891.

To the Editor of the FREEMASONS' CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Being a constant reader of matters referring to the Craft, I was much struck with the following paragraph:—

"Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of England, consecrated the St. Ambrose Lodge, No. 1891, on *Friday, the 15th inst.*,* at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, ably assisted by Bros. the Rev. R. J. Simpson M.A. P.G.C., Capt. Nathaniel G. Philips P.G.D., Hugh D. Sandeman Past D.G.M. of Bengal, and Frank Richardson G.S.D. Bro. the Rev. Ambrose Wm. Hall M.A. P.S.G.W. Surrey, Chaplain to the Prince of Wales Lodge No. 259, was installed W.M., who appointed and invested Bros. Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney Senior Warden, and Dr. W. H. Ramsay P.M. 259 Junior Warden. A report of the interesting proceedings will appear in our next."

This appeared in the *Freemason* of the 22nd inst. The date on which the ceremony of Consecration took place was the evening of the 21st, on the morning of which day the above paper was issued. The communication may be considered of a prophetic nature. Do the facts justify the foresight of the day? No doubt it would be a credit to any member belonging to the F.F.F.

Yours faithfully,

AN OLD BUT JUST BROTHER.

P.S.—Friday was not the 15th.

* Friday, 21st January.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed in the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, meeting at the Moorgate, Moorgate-street, on Monday next, at 7.30 p.m. punctually, by Bro. J. T. Briggs P.M. 157 and W.M. 1732. Members of the Craft are cordially invited to attend.

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Business:—The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation will be read for Confirmation.

After which the following Report of the Committee of General Purposes will be submitted to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to Report that they have examined the Accounts from the 20th October 1880 to the 18th January 1881, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance G. Chapter	1767	9	1	Disbursements during the Quarter	1089	6	6
„ Unappropriated Account	181	7	7	Balance	1041	7	9
Subsequent Receipts	362	13	8	„ in Unappropriated Account	180	16	0
	£2311	10	4		£2311	10	4

which Balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Companions Charles Heywood as Z., Charles Fitzgerald Matier H., Carl Johann Wilhelm Gotz as J., and seven others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Humphrey Chetham Lodge, No. 645, Manchester, to be called "The Humphrey Chetham Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.

2nd. From Companions John Segond as Z., Hamilton Stilton as H., the Chevalier Edward Rosenbusch as J., and six others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Zetland Lodge, No. 515, Malta, to be called "The Resurrection Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, Malta.

3rd. From Companions Joseph Loxdale Warren as Z., John Bodenham as H., Thomas Wood as J., and six others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Staffordshire Knot Lodge, No. 726, Stafford, to be called "The Royal Chartley Chapter of Fortitude," and to meet at the North Western Hotel, Stafford.

4th. From Companions John Higson Johnston as Z., Frederick King Stevenson as H., Charles Philip Titherley as J., and ten others, for a Chapter to be attached to the Fermor Hesketh Lodge, No. 1350, Liverpool, to be called "The Fermor Hesketh Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.

The foregoing Petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

(*Signed*) JOHN CREATON, *Grand Treasurer, President.*

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
19th January 1881.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday afternoon. There were present Bros. Colonel Creaton Grand Treasurer (in the chair), James Peters, Frank Richardson, J. H. Matthews, Charles H. Webb, H. Massey, A. H. Tattershall, Thomas Massa, Joshua Nunn, Peter de Lande Long, J. A. Rucker, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. On the motion of Bro. Frank Richardson, seconded by Bro. Colonel Peters, the salaries of the teachers were slightly increased, and two more teachers were placed on the staff, in consequence of the large addition to the School since the acquisition of Lyncombe House. Bro. Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B. gave notice of motion for next meeting for adding £100 a year to the salary of the Secretary, from 1st January 1880, in consequence of his great exertions on behalf of the Institution, and the successful result of these exertions. One candidate was placed on the list for election in October, and the Committee then adjourned.

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SINCERITY CHAPTER, No. 189.

AT the regular Convocation of this Chapter, held at St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, on Monday, the 4th inst., Most Excellent Companion Viscount Ebrington—for whose exaltation, without having passed through the regular offices, a dispensation had been received by the Chapter from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Supreme Grand Z.—was installed successively in the three chairs of J., H., and Z. Ex. Comps. Rev. T. Lemon and Alfred Latimer, who had occupied the chairs of H. and J. during the past year, were again placed in their respective offices for another year. The M.E.Z. then appointed his Officers for the ensuing year as follow:—Ex. Comps. T. Bayly Treasurer, R. H. Rae Scribe E., G. R. Barrett Scribe N., George Jackson P. Sojourner. Comp. Jackson not being present, his collar was received for him by Comp. Croyden, who, on his behalf, appointed Comps. Swies and Haswell as S.S. and J.S. Ex. Comp. Spence Bate received the collar of Past Z. for Ex. Comp. T. Waldow How, who was also absent. The ceremony of exaltation was ably performed by Ex. Comps. Rae and Curtois.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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UNITED MARINERS' LODGE, No. 30.

THE annual Installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 18th, at the Guildhall Tavern, when there was a very large attendance of brethren and visitors, under the presidency of Bro. Joseph Clark, the retiring Worshipful Master, who was supported by Bros. Hiram Cosedge S.W. and W.M. elect, J. W. Crossley J.W., C. Davey I.P.M., Joseph Harling P.M. Treas., Joseph Driscoll P.M. Hon. Sec., J. Shipley S.D., T. M. Smith P.M., R. Lefeaux P.M., W. Ansell P.M., F. Bethell P.M., Alfred Thomas Gladwell P.M., S. Sampson, Louis Steingraber, N. Fassbeber, James Linscott, T. Hoblein, J. Hildrath, F. Campbell, John Lewis, &c. Visitors—Bros. James B. Crossley 1673, H. Nash 150, F. M. Harling 1139, J. Richardson 183, C. H. Gray 1704, E. G. Crusoe 1704, G. T. Jones P.M. 754, R. P. Tate W.M. 864, John Jacobs 1614, W. Manger P.M. 1314, T. H. Thompson 1580, E. H. Atkinson 1622, W. H. G. Rudderforth P.M. 1668, Sampson Dodden P.M., A. Tisley J.D. 8, G. W. Challis P.M. 657, Charles Fountain P.M. 1216, &c. Lodge was opened with the usual formalities at five o'clock, when the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed, and the auditor's report, showing the Lodge to be in a satisfactory condition, was received and adopted. Lodge was then advanced to the second degree, and Bro. Lampen was passed to Fellow Craft by the W.M., assisted by his Officers. Bro. Hiram Cosedge was then presented for installation as the W.M. for the ensuing year, and having expressed himself willing to undertake the responsibility, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, the rest of the brethren withdrawing during the installation ceremony. On the re-admission into Lodge, the newly-installed Master was greeted with the usual salutations, the impressive charges being delivered with much effect and precision by Past Master Bro. Joseph Driscoll, whose working was evidently greatly admired by the brethren and visitors alike. Bro. Cosedge then invested his Officers for the year, the collars being thus bestowed :—Bros. Joseph Clark I.P.M., J. W. Crossley S.W., Joshua Shipley J.W., Joseph Driscoll P.M. Hon. Sec., Joseph Harling P.M. Treasurer, T. E. Davey S.D., James Linscott J.D., John Lewis I.G., Louis Steingraber D.C., Charles Davey P.M. W.S. Some other business having been transacted, Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided in Messrs. Ritter and Clifford's best style. The Loyal and Craft toasts having been most cordially received. Bro. Joseph Clark I.P.M. proposed the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master, in doing which he said Bro. Cosedge had admirably filled all the various offices leading up to the chair, and they all hoped he might have health and strength vouchsafed to him by the G.A.O.T.U. to fulfil the duties of the exalted position to which he had just been elevated. He was a true and thorough Mason, and in that terribly inclement weather he had experienced great difficulty in reaching Lodge. He expressed the sincere hope that Bro. Cosedge might have a happy and successful year of office, and that the brethren would rally round him in the discharge of his arduous duties. The Worshipful Master, in responding, thanked his immediate Past Master for the kindly expressions he had used towards him. He could only hope he might approach Bro. Clark's excellent working, and took the opportunity of thanking the several P.M.'s and other brethren who had assisted him in fitting himself for the position to which, by the kindness of the Lodge, he had that day been elevated. He should certainly not have discharged his duties creditably had it not been for the valuable aid he had received, and if he had not found brethren to give him the exact cue when it was needed. If he turned out as good a Mason as his immediate Past Master had done, he should be most happy, for he regarded Masonry as one of the best institutions a man could possibly be attached to. In proposing the health of the I.P.M., he must say that during his year of office he had discharged his duties in a manner that was a pattern to the Craft, and it had been a pleasure to all his Officers to work under him. He (the speaker) only hoped that, at the end of his year of office, the brethren would be as satisfied with him as they must all be with Bro. Clark. He had now the utmost pleasure in presenting their I.P.M., on behalf of the Lodge, with a Past Master's jewel, and he could only express the wish that he might have health and strength to wear it for many years to come, as a mark of the esteem and affection entertained towards him by the brethren, and of their recognition of the admirable manner in which he had carried on the duties of his office. Bro. Joseph Clark I.P.M., who was received with prolonged applause, could only inadequately thank the company for the great honour they had conferred upon him that day. It had been his ambition to discharge faithfully and well all the duties he was called upon to undertake, and to fill the chair in his mother Lodge. That wish had been realised, and he could not do more than heartily thank those excellent Officers who had rendered him such valuable assistance during his year of office. He hoped the wish expressed by the W.M. might be fulfilled—that he might live many years to wear the beautiful jewel which they had so generously presented him, and that he might be in some measure useful in promoting the best interests of the Lodge. A pleasing incident occurred during the evening, in the presentation by the I.P.M. of a handsome cigar case, in morocco leather and gold, to Bro. Joseph Driscoll P.M., the esteemed Hon. Secretary of the Lodge. On it were inscribed the Masonic emblems and "J.D., 1881." Accompanying the gift was the following letter: "Bro. Joseph Clark presents his compliments to his dear Secretary, Bro. Joseph Driscoll, and begs his acceptance of the accompanying cigar case, as a slight mark of his appreciation of the very great kindness shown towards him during his year of office as W.M. of this his mother Lodge of United Mariners, No. 30." The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," acknowledged the great and valuable assistance he had at all times received from them, and regretted that the Lodge was about to lose the presence and aid of P.M. Bro. F. Bethell in the future. Bro. Joseph Driscoll P.M. thanked the W.M. sincerely for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received it. The United Mariners had a history which few others could boast, and it had possessed some of the most eloquent and able Masons, who had embellished the position which they held in its ranks. He carried their memories back to the early part of the century, from the year that Bro. P. Matthews filled the chair—one of the most eloquent of Preceptors,—referred also to Bro. Barnes, and others who laboured on in splendid manner to carry out the advancement of the Boys' School, and especially to establish the annual Festivals. It was their duty in the present day to try and emulate the good example set by the pioneers of the Lodge. They had done so in the past, and would still continue to try and deserve the friendship and esteem of the younger members, who should be encouraged to elevate themselves to the highest positions in the Lodge. Bro. F. Bethell P.M. also responded, in doing which he thanked Bro. Driscoll for his eloquent speech, which really left him little to say. As the Wor. Master had observed, he (the speaker) was about to leave for Canada, and he should be sorry to sever his connection with the Lodge, because it was here he had the honour of initiation, and it was this Lodge he had the honour of representing at the installation of the Prince of Wales at Albert Hall. He therefore esteemed his connection with the Lodge as a great pleasure and honour, and hoped to return and meet with the brethren for many years to come. Bro. Ansell P.M. said, after many years' connection with the Lodge he felt thoroughly at home amongst his friends and compeers, and he urged upon the brethren to give all the support they could to the Charities, which were the noble landmarks of their ancient and honourable Institution. The Worshipful Master then gave the Visitors, of whom he was pleased to see so large a number present, and the toast was received with special honours. Bros. F. M. Harling and Sampson Doden responded, each referred to the exemplary manner in which the business of the Lodge was conducted. Several complimentary toasts followed, interspersed with some excellent vocal and instrumental music, whilst a recitation by Bro. Driscoll P.M. was intensely relished by the company. Altogether the proceedings were of the most agreeable and harmonious description.

LODGE OF PRUDENT BRETHREN, No. 145.

THE installation meeting of this ancient, flourishing, and excellent working Lodge, was held on the 25th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, and was numerously attended by the members and Visitors. A new and appropriate Lodge summons had been issued, which was most deservedly commended for its artistic beauty. The chair was occupied by Bro. W. R. Lister; Dr. Whiteway Wilkinson S.W., C. A. Woods J.W., T. Bull P.M. Treas. P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, Kerrell J.D., and Curtis I.G.; P.M.'s J. H. Leggott, G. S. States P.G.S., Purkess, and Haslett. The Visitors were Bros. J. Bingemann P.M. 55 and 1599, Venn P.M. 49, Lovegrove P.G.S.W. Middlesex, Docker W.M. 1587, C. J. Perceval P.M. 1607, Captain Finch P.M. 34, Foxley 173, E. Lloyd 1287, Alde 1305, C. Marriner 1669, Pocock 569, Sauter 167, Latreille 1260, Speller 217, Hume 259, Dawson 179, Green P.M. 27, R. Roberts P.M. 209, Wilkinson J.W. 92, Bohn 92, Pringle 92, Carter P.M. 382, T. Distin, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. A board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Dr. W. Wilkinson S.W. and W.M. elect was presented and duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., whose rendering of the ceremony deserves especial praise. There were fourteen Installed Masters present. The new W.M., in very appropriate terms, appointed and invested his Officers. W. R. Lister I.P.M., C. A. Woods S.W., A. Kerrell J.W., T. Bull P.M. Treasurer, E. H. Thiellay P.G.S.B. Middlesex Secretary, J. Curtis S.D., J. Reid J.D., H. Brock I.G., G. Banks D.C., W. F. Master W.S., J. D. Lambe A.W.S., and Reinhardt Tyler. The W.M., with great pleasure, had now to present Bro. Lister I.P.M. with a testimonial worthy of him; this took the shape of a Past Master's jewel; a jewel (the W.M. said) Bro. Lister well deserved, for the admirable manner in which he had conducted the duties of the Lodge during his year of office. Bro. Lister I.P.M., in reply, thanked the W.M. for the kind expressions he had uttered. He had spoken of the manner he had conducted the duties of the Lodge; his aims ever were for the welfare of it; and now while he occupied the proud position of a P.M., it would be a further incentive to him to do all he could for it. He should be proud to hand it down to his children as an heirloom. Letters of apology were read from G.S. Bro. Shadwell Clerke, regretting his not being able to be present at the meeting. Bro. J. H. Leggott announced that he would serve as Steward at the next Anniversary Festival for the Boys' School, and would represent the Lodge; also that he had accepted a Stewardship for the Girls' School, where he would represent the Victoria Chapter; any donations the members would favour him with would be thankfully received by Bros. Binckes and Hedges. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, forty-nine in number, adjourned to the Crown Room, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. A. Best, ably superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. Grace having been sung, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. After the National Anthem, the solo verses sung by Bro. Carter, Miss Anguarde, Miss L. Distin, and T. Distin, the toast of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. of Grand Lodge of England was given. Miss Anguarde sang "The Kerry Dance," and then came the toast of the R.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, which was warmly honoured by those present. Bro. Lister I.P.M then rose; "The W.M. had handed him the gavel, and it was his fortune to have to propose the toast of the evening, the health of their W.M., who, he was sure, would have the ability and the energy to carry out the duties required of him in their old and influential Lodge. Personally, he was pleased to see Bro. Wilkinson in that position. He hoped the members would give the toast a suitable reception. Bro. Theodore Distin, in his usual excel-

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lent style, sang "Ferryman Dan." The W.M. in replying to the toast, felt a great pleasure in returning thanks for the manner in which it had been proposed. He felt proud to see so many old friends, brother Masons, and Visitors present, and he felt it a great pride and honour to see so many around him to support him in the chair. He hoped to worthily follow in the footsteps of his predecessors. The toast of the Visitors was next given. The W.M. said he was pleased to see so many distinguished brethren among them; he would call on Bros. Lovegrove, Wilkinson, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188, to respond. Miss Anguarde in feeling tones sang the "Fireman's Farewell." The toast of the Visitors was then responded to, and then the W.M. gave that of the P.M.'s. He would call on Bro. Lister I.P.M. to respond. Bro. Lister, on behalf of the P.M.'s, begged to thank the brethren. As so young a Past Master he hardly felt competent to return thanks. However, any service he could render the Lodge would always give him pleasure. The Treasurer and Secretary were next complimented. The former brother had proved himself an excellent financier, and had ably carried out his duties. The same business qualifications were likewise displayed by Bro. Thiellay the Secretary, whose genial qualities they well knew. As no representative of the Charities was present to respond to that toast, he would add it as a rider to the one he was speaking to, and would ask the brethren to drink it heartily. After Bro. Carter had favoured the brethren with "The Pilgrim of Love," Bro T. Bull rose:—he felt pleased to have his name associated with Bro. Thiellay; he felt it a great honour to be among them, not only in his capacity of Treasurer, but that he had been considered worthy to follow in the footsteps of the late Brother John Boyd. He was sure that brother's name would ever be revered in their Lodge; indeed, he might say, throughout the Craft. Bro. Thiellay followed. He was pleased to know the W.M. had again appointed him as Secretary; he trusted the appointment would conduce to the prosperity of the Lodge. He, like Bro. Bull, was proud to have his name associated with the Charities, in conjunction with which Bro. Leggott had so signally distinguished himself. The W.M. had also signified his intention to act as a Steward for the Boys' School. The three Institutions are a credit to the Order, and ought to be well supported; he was sure the brethren would continue to support them He also advocated the cause of a son of the late respected Bro. Charles Gosden, who had been initiated in this Lodge; he trusted they would support the case. The remaining toasts comprised the Officers of the Lodge, for which Bros. A. Woods and Kerrell replied. The Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated.

We have referred elsewhere to the summons which was issued for this meeting. The following particulars respecting it we have pleasure in appending:—

The majority of Lodges having adopted an emblematical design, the Lodge of Prudent Brethren, not being a juvenile, ought not to be destitute of the same; it is here attempted, therefore, to symbolise the name and principles of our Lodge, with the due observance of Masonic harmony. The Centenarian Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145, is represented by a double cube, with its brimful cornucopia adjoining; it is emblematically presided over by Justice, personifying the W.M., assisted by six other Stars. Justice, by the inspiration of the Radiant Triangle, demonstrates Hope to the faithful; and, blindfold against prejudice, prudently practises towards the Widow and the Orphan that virtue which endureth all things; thus illustrating Faith, Hope, and Charity, encircled by the symbol of Eternity.

"Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth."
Charity with Justice to yourself is Prudence.

LION LODGE, No 312.

ON Monday afternoon the brethren of this Lodge assembled in the Masonic Hall, John-street, West Cliff, to take part in the installation of Bro. W. G. Lockey as W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a numerous attendance of the local fraternity. Bro. John Stevenson P.M. officiated as installing master on the occasion, and performed the interesting ceremony in an impressive manner. The new W.M. then invested the Officers of the Lodge appointed for the ensuing year, viz.—I.P.M., Bro. Francis Thornton P.M.; S.W., Bro. W. E. Wolsey; J.W., Bro. Middleton Smith; Treasurer, Bro. J. N. Lawson P.M.; Organist, Bro. H. Hallgate P.M.; Secretary, Bro. J. B. Dale; S.D., Bro. John Thornton; J.D., Bro. John Brooks; I.G., Bro. Thomas Tate; M.C., Bro. J. F. Jefferson; Tyler, Bro. T. H. Trueman; Stewards, Bros. J. T. Stewart and T. Atkinson jun. At the termination of the installation proceedings, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet, to celebrate the event, was served by Mrs. Attlay, the hostess. The W.M. (Bro. Lockey) presided, and Bro. Wolsey S.W. occupied the vice-chair. The customary loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were given and responded to in a cordial and harmonious manner. The health of the Earl of Zetland, R.W.P.G.M., and the other Provincial Grand Officers, was drunk with all the honours, and elicited an able response from Bro. W. H. Falkingbridge P.M. The toast of the evening, "The W.M., and prosperity to the Lion Lodge," was given by Bro. Thornton, the I.P.M., and acknowledged by the W.M. The toast of the visiting brethren having been drunk, it was responded to by Bro. Arthur, captain of the Louis Henry, lying in Whitby Harbour, one of the brethren of the Lodge of St. John of Themis, Caen (France), who spoke in the French language with great *empressement*, and his Lodge sent their fraternal greetings to the Lion Lodge. After the toast of "All poor and distressed Masons" had been drunk, a few non-Masonic toasts were recognised. There were excellent songs during the evening by Bros. J. Thornton, T. H. Trueman, W. H. Pitts, and W. H. Attlay, and recitations by Bros. Wolsey, S. W. Dale, and Maule.

LODGE OF UNION, No. 414.

THE installation meeting of the above Lodge was held on Tuesday, 18th Jan., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. S. Bradley W.M., C. Stephens S.W. W.M. elect, Chs. Oades P.G.R. I.P.M., R. C. Mount P.M. 1328 J.W., Rev. N. T. Garry Chap., S.A. Pocock Tr., M. J. Withers Sec., Francis J. Ferguson S.D., S. Wheeler J.D., D. S. Witherington D.C., Butler and Blackwell Stewards, A. W. Parry I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. C. Smith, J. Long, R. Bradley P.G.S., Blowers, Yetts, Moxhay; also Bros. Higgs, Dodd, Hayward, Butler, Sydenham, Moffatt, George, Grant, Armstrong, Hawkes, Davis, Martin, D. Webb, Sherwood, Biggs hon. mem. Visitors—Bros. Hammett, Pulley P.M., Weatherhead, Ferguson W.M., Ivey P.M. Sec., Ravenscroft, Hawkes, Margrett P.M., R. Dowsett J.W., all of 1101; Phillips P.M. 81 P.P.G.S.W. Suffolk, Rogers Apollo 357, J. S. Brownrigg P.G.C. D.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, Sellar 414, Mount 1328, Cozens 907, Hubbard 813, De Solla 11, Davy W.M. Ellington 1566 Many others were prevented from attending in consequence of the inclemency of the weather. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. Chas. Thos. Rayner, who was declared to be elected. The W.M. announced that Bro. H. E. L. Grant was a candidate to be passed to the second degree. Bro. Grant having given proof of his efficiency retired. Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. Grant was passed; soon after which Bro. Moxhay, the Installing Master, entered the Lodge, and to him W.M. resigned his gavel, and proceeded to introduce Bro. C. Stephens as the elected Master to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, the ceremony of which was performed by Bro. Moxhay in his usual impressive manner. After resuming the Lodge to the first degree, the W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers, viz., Bros. S. Bradley I.P.M., R.C. Mount S.W., F. J. Ferguson J.W., Rev. N. T. Garry Chap., S. A Pocock Treasurer, M. J. Withers Sec., S. Wheeler S.D., A. W. Parry J.D., Hayward Org., F. Blackwell D.C., D. Witherington I.G., C. G. Butler S.S., Moffatt and J. W. Martin J. Stewards, Hemmings Tyler. After the salutations in the different degrees and the usual adddresses, the W.M. proposed that a vote of thanks to Bro. Moxhay be recorded on the minutes for the admirable manner in which he had conducted the installation ceremony. This was seconded and carried by acclamation. Bro. Moxhay expressed his thanks to the W.M. and brethren for their kindness, and called their attention to the W.M. being the local Secretary of the Lifeboat Institution. He suggested that the present was an opportune time to show their appreciation of Bro. Stephens' great exertions in the noble work of aiding to save life, by voting that the sum collected in the broken column be appropriated to that most valuable Institution. This was carried by acclamation. After proposals of candidates for initiation and the usual congratulations, the Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the George Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Mrs. Pontin, to which between 50 and 60 sat down. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Upon that of the Masonic Charities, the broken column was passed round, resulting in the sum of £6 7s 6d, being collected for the National Lifeboat Institution. The toast was responded to by Bro. F. Binckes Sec. R.M.I.B. and Bro. Terry Sec. R.M.B.I., both the speeches being of a practical character, urging a combination of effort to support the three excellent Institutions. We have not space to give the toasts and speeches, but we heartily congratulate Bro. Stephens on his entering upon office under very auspicious circumstances, and wish him a very successful year of office.

[From the foregoing account it will be seen that the meeting at which our estimable Bro. Stephens was installed W. Master of his Lodge was a highly successful one. The attendance was numerous, and the enthusiasm was very pronounced in its character. The Lodge and its new W. Master, under the circumstances, are to be congratulated, but especially when we call to mind the terrible state of the weather which prevailed on the evening of the meeting. We greatly regret that a domestic affliction should have prevented our accepting the invitation we had received to take part in the interesting ceremony. This, and not the weather, was the cause of our absence. But the storm of that memorable Tuesday would have justified even a postponement of the gathering. The cold was so intense that a child was picked up dead out of the snow. The town was, so to speak, in a state of siege, and those who wished to leave it—no matter in what direction, whether north, south, east, or west—were unable to do so. Of the railway lines some were wholly, some partially, blocked, while the roads were next to impassable. These facts justify our going somewhat out of our way to say a word or two of praise on behalf of a Lodge whose members and guests assembled on the evening of such a day. This is evidently no perfunctory observance of Masonic duty.—Ed. F.C.]

BOSCAWEN LODGE, No. 699, CHACEWATER.

THE brethren of the above Lodge celebrated their annual Festival on Monday. The Lodge was opened at 3 p.m., Bro. J. F. Lee W.M. presiding. After the usual communications were read, and a candidate initiated into the Order, Bro. P.M. Hooper P.G.O., at the request of the W.M., took the chair, and very ably and impressively installed Bro. the Rev. and Hon. J. T. Boscawen as W.M. for the ensuing year. The Worshipful Master then appointed as his Officers

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for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. F. Lee I.P.M., John Eslick S.W., William Bennett J.W., Rev. G. L. Church P.M. Chaplain P.P.G.S.W., J. Nineas P.M. Treasurer P.P.G.R., C. Robson P.M. Sec., W. Bray P.M. Asst. Sec., Searle S.D., Hall J.D., Jones I.G., Boscawen D.C., Martin and Odgers Stewards, Lean Tyler, Paull Asst. Tyler. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren dined in the Banquet Hall, the W.M. presiding. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The dinner was provided by Host Jones, and reflected great credit on Mrs. Jones and himself.

EUPHRATES LODGE, No. 212.

THE annual Installation meeting of this old and popular Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, when there was a very numerous attendance, under the presidency of the W. Master Bro. James Lovelock, who was supported by Bros. P. H. Recknell S.W., C. Droscher J.W., D. Glass S.D., G. Martin J.D., W. J. Cooper I.G., Samuel Watkins Treasurer, J. Coverley P.M. Secretary, E. Banister P.M., H. Wood P.M., Charles G. Cutler P.M., H. May, Louis Stein, J. Franks, Charles Mansfield, P. Woods, G. Smith, G. B. Riches, R. Haslett, R. Millett, C. Roddan, C. H. Evans, A. P. Levy, R. M. Tean, C. G. Howell, Fred. Albert, W. Stein, Max Mendelssohn, J. J. Newman, C. Wells, J. T. Fisk, A. Kolson, &c. Visitors:—Bros. P. McCarthy P.M. 1576, E. T. Barr I.P.M. 1766, S. J. Turquand W.M. 890, A. J. Manning P.M. 1472, Alfred G. Vance 28, William Livermore 554, George Haynes 1489, J. W. F. Cox 1314, C. Koester 435, James C. C. Smith Organist 1744, S. A. Thompson S.D. 9, B. Jenner S.W. 455, S. J. Williams 1261, W. C. Williams (Royal Commemoration Lodge), George L. Turner 1266, M. Levy 1327, James Barker 1327, H. Gabriel 1445, E. S. Lintott 1687, C. R. Williams 72, James Kew P.M. 179, and Edward Williams 72. Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites, when Bro. P. H. Recknell, the W. Master elect, was presented to the Installing Master. A Board of Installed Masters was constituted in ample form, and Bro. Recknell having been re-admitted, was installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, and was greeted, saluted, and proclaimed as an Installed Master. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed W. Master was honoured and proclaimed in the three degrees, after which he invested his Officers for the year, the collars being thus bestowed—Bro. J. P. Lovelock I.P.M., C. Droscher S.W., D. Glass J.W., S. Watkins P.M. Treasurer, J. Coverley Secretary, G. Martin S.D., W. Cooper J.D., R. Millett I.G., and J. J. Marsh Tyler. The ceremony of Installation was admirably performed by the Immediate Past Master, who delivered the charges in masterly style, and was frequently applauded by the brethren. It was decided to present at the next meeting of the Lodge a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Lovelock, as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the fidelity and zeal with which he had discharged the duties of the chair during the past year. After the transaction of some other business, the brethren sat down to a *récherché* banquet, provided by Messrs. Wood and Romain, whose arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of a numerous party elicited unbounded expressions of satisfaction. The customary Loyal and Craft toasts were duly given from the chair, and were enthusiastically received, that of the health of the newly-installed W.M. being hailed with special acclamation. Amidst an abundance of excellent music and singing, a thoroughly harmonious and pleasant evening was enjoyed.

CAMDEN LODGE, No. 704.

THE members of this Lodge met in strong force at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, on Tuesday, 18th inst., amongst those present being Bros. Charles Pocklington W.M., W. F. Rogers S.W., F. Earnshaw J.W., E. W. Young P.M. Secretary, W. Woolf S.D., M. Bland J.D., Dr. Goodchild I.G., W. H. Gray I.P.M., J. M. Frost P.M., H. C. Soper P.M., W. Morrill P.M., Bros. F. Trinder, T. A. Durrant, E. G. Bond, J. J. Freeman, B. F. Buckoke, H. Dorvell, James Pendelbury, Walter H. Kehl, J. Bindon, and Jas. John Barrett. Visitor—Bro. Richard Knight 733. In consequence of the lamented death of Bro. Willis a majority of the brethren appeared in Masonic mourning. Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites at five o'clock, when the minutes of the meeting held on November 16th last were confirmed. Lodge was then opened up, and Bros. J. J. Freeman, E. G. Bond, and T. A. Durrant were raised to the sublime degree by the Worshipful Master, who performed the ceremony and delivered the charges in a most impressive manner. The ballot was then opened for Mr. Walter Kehl, proposed by Bro. W. F. Rogers S.W., seconded by Bro. F. Trinder; Mr. John Bindin, whose sponsors were the same; Mr. Challis, nominated by Bro. B. F. Buckoke, seconded by Bro. Dorvell; and Mr. John Barrett, proposed by Bro. W. H. Gray I.P.M., seconded by Bro. Law W.S. All were unanimously accepted, and Messrs. Kehl, Binden, and Barrett being in attendance, were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. Business having been concluded, Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren adjourned to the Banquetting-hall, where a *recherché* repast was provided by Messrs. Ritter and Clifford, whose arrangements, under the personal superintendence of Mr. D. Sherwill, gave universal satisfaction. Bro. H. Mills superintended the waiting, and Bro. J. Marcham acted efficiently as toastmaster. At the conclusion of the repast the customary Loyal and Craft toasts were given from the chair and received with due enthusiasm.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE, No. 901.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 17th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, when the brethren were joined by a vast assemblage of visitors, the company numbering over one hundred and fifty. Lodge was opened at half past four, under the presidency of the retiring W.M., Bro. Alfred Ginger, who was supported by Bros. Charles Beaumont S.W. and W.M. elect, G. A. Cundy J.W., Henry Harbord Sec., Alfred Parker S.D., J. Hughes J.D., D. Hughes I.G., Ernest Hand Organist, J. T. Woodstock Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Lawrence, George Darcy, A. Griffith, &c. Visitors—Bros. W. C. Williams, John Magrath S.W. 1306, James Smith P.M. 201, C. F. Barham P.M. and W.M. St. Leonards, Peter Edward 931, Julian Hooper 1515, Thomas Noton 1309, Samuel Panloe P.M. 511, John R. Ward 582, G. H. Wrigglesworth P.M. 975, Charles Arkell 101, J. W. Watts P.M. 509, W. A. Coles P.M. 20, W. Fowles 471, B. H. Pearson 455, W. C. G. King 483, James Cooper P.M. 1769, S. Etherington 1305, W. H. Glass P.M. 453 P.G. Superintendent of Works Essex, Arthur E. Gladwell W.M. 172, Charles Dance P.M. 65, F. S. Baker P.M. 753, E. G. Easton 733, Stephen Hayworth P.M. 75, R. J. Dart 192, G. Veal W.M. 1306, Hubert Cuff 1216, H. Stephens P.M. 754 and W.M. elect 1579, John Walford W.M. 783, Frederick Hurdee 548, J. M. Hiscox 1572, Robert Saxby 730, Peter Barton 1818, E. G. Rolls 754, J. Mitchell Past Master 231, Walter S. Cooper 1707, Frederick Wethardt 186, E. H. Warmley 957, &c.

GREAT NORTHERN LODGE, No. 1287.

THIS Lodge held its installation meeting on Thursday, the 20th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Present:—Bros. T. Reed P.M. as W.M., George William West P.M. as S.W., George J. K. Tribbel J.W. W.M. elect, Past Masters T. Staton Secretary, and Samuel Webb Treasurer, Owen S.D., Cleghorn J.D., Kempton as I.G., Rawles Tyler; Past Masters Reed, Forbes, Jupe, Christie, West. Visitors—Bros. Augustus Braun P.M. and P.Z. 766, Kerrell 145, Kennard 145, Little, Guignard, and a large muster of other brethren. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M. Bro. Robinson, the Lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Reed P.M. The minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Myatt was raised to the third degree, after which Mr. Tomkins was regularly initiated into the Order, the ceremony in each case being performed by Bro. Reed in his accustomed impressive manner. The Lodge was then resumed to the second degree, and Bro. George William West P.M., by special desire, took the chair as Installing Master. The Worshipful Master elect, Bro. George Joseph Keith Tribbel, was then duly presented, and Bro. West P.M. proceeded with the installation, which that worthy Mason performed in such a clear and eloquent manner as is rarely listened to. Indeed, the Lodge may well be proud of so able a Past Master—one ever ready to assist in whatever work he may be called upon to perform. Bro. Tribbel, being duly installed into the chair of King Solomon, invested, with well-chosen and impressive words, the following Officers:—Bros. Cleghorn S.W., Owen J.W., S. Webb Treasurer, Staton Secretary, Bathard S.D., Kempton J.D., Kane I.G. The W.M. then rose for the first time, and the report of the Audit Committee was confirmed; it showed an unusually large balance in hand for so young, but certainly prosperous, Lodge. All labour being ended, the brethren adjourned to the large Hall, where a magnificent banquet was served, under the presidency of the new and esteemed Worshipful Master. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and honoured, the Acting I.P.M. Bro. West proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, which was most enthusiastically received. Bro. Tribbel, in responding, said that he could scarcely find words to express his gratitude to the Lodge for placing him in his present high and important position; nothing should be wanting on his part to strengthen the confidence the brethren had reposed in him. He hoped that the G.A.O.T.U. would give him health and strength to carry out his duties with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the brethren. After the Initiates' toast, the W.M. gave that of the Visitors, coupling with it the name of Bro. Braun P.M., who, in responding, said that he was truly glad to have the opportunity afforded him of being present on so important an occasion as seeing his old friend Bro. Tribbel attain the summit of his Masonic ambition. He spoke in terms of the highest praise of the Wor. Master's constant industry and zeal in the field of Masonic labour; by these means alone he had, after but comparatively few years, attained the proud position he now held. Bro. Kerrell also spoke in high terms of the Lodge in general and its financial position; the members might well be proud of belonging to such a Lodge. To the toast of the Past Masters, Bro. West responded; he was proud to be one of the Past Masters of the Great Northern Lodge, all of them took a keen interest in its welfare. He also referred, with much feeling, to the illness of Bro. Robinson. After the other regular toasts, the brethren separated, all satisfied with the pleasant evening they had spent at the Great Northern Lodge.

We are informed that the members of the New Finsbury Park Lodges No. 1695, and of the Sir Hugh Middelton Lodge, No. 1602, have arranged to hold a joint ball, at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Monday, the 7th February next, when the whole of the spacious and elegant suite of rooms will be at the disposal of the visitors. A dispensation has been obtained, enabling the brethren to appear in Masonic clothing and jewels. The musical arrangements are under the direction of Bro. R. G. Thomas, Organist 1602; and Bro. J. Jarvis will act as M.C. The price of tickets is, for ladies 8s 6d; gentlemen 12s 6d. We can only hope that as great a success will be the result of this as has attended previous balls given by the same Lodges.

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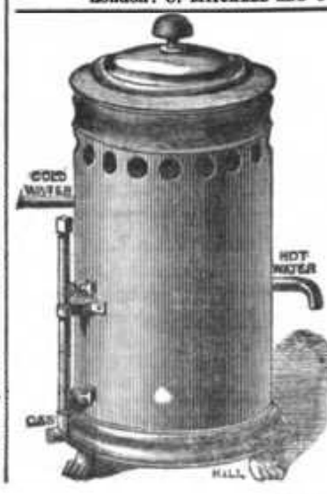
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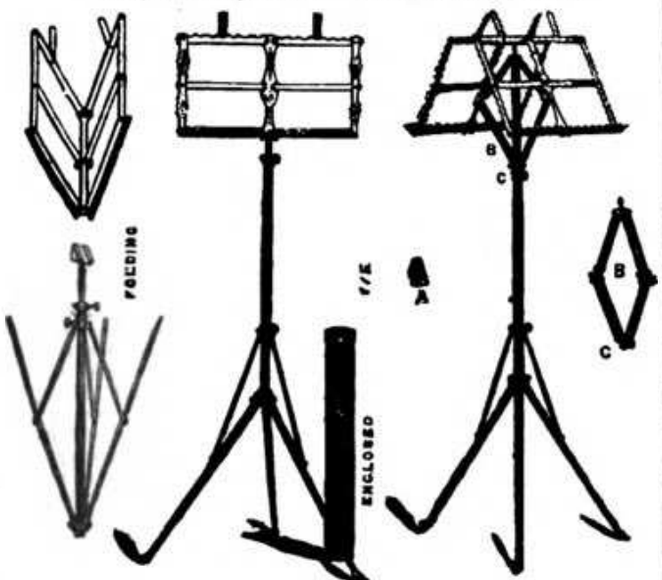
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From our Auckland correspondent we have received the following items:—

St. Andrew Lodge, S.C.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hotel, on 22nd November. The principal business was the election of Officers, and the following were selected:—Bros. M. Nicool W.M., J. Slator S.W., J. J. Payne J.W., Rev. — Gould Chaplain, H. H. Hitchens Treasurer, G. Payne Secretary, Perry Organist, McClosky S.D., J. B. Hughes J.D, Clarke I.G., Porter Tyler. The installation was to take place on Monday, 20th December.

United Service Lodge, No. 421 I.C.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 24th November, at the Masonic Hotel, Princes-street. The principal business was the election of Officers for the ensuing year, and the result is as follows:—Bros. W. J. Suiter W.M., J. Seabrook S.W., J. Rule J.W., W. J. Melton Secretary, F. Rycroft Treasurer, W. G. Allen S.D., C. Sutherland J.D., J. Cook I.G., J. Burn D.C., W. A. Marflett Organist, J. Ross and J. Buchanan Stewards, C. Porter Tyler.

The Annual Communication of the District Grand Lodge of England was held on 1st Dec., in the Insurance Buildings. There was a large attendance of the District Grand Lodge and a good number of visitors. Brother Lodder V.W. D.D.G.M. presided, and the proceedings were of a very interesting character, and included the installation of Officers. Bro. Dr. Goldsbro' was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Porter Tyler. The D.D.G.M. said that, on account of the near approach of the arrival of the District Grand Master, he did not think it incumbent on him to make any changes, and would reinstal and reinvest the present Officers, leaving it for the D.G.M. to make any promotions he might deem proper. He had to heartily thank those officers for the cordial manner in which they had worked with him. The following Officers were then invested, the D.D.G.M. personally thanking each for the manner in which they had performed their duties in the past, and the hearty support they had accorded to him:—Bros. J. Warren S.W., W. H. Skinner J.W., W. P. Moat D.G. Registrar, M. S. Leers President of the Board of General Purposes. H. G. Wade Secretary, Dr. Dawson S.D., T. Cole G. Director of Ceremonies, W. Rattray G. Assistant Director of Ceremonies, J. Hatswell D.G. Sword Bearer, C. Hesketh D.G. Organist, Fenton D.G. Pursuivant, Carlaw Assistant D.G. Pursuivant, B. Tonks Major-General, Gossett and W. R. Waddel Stewards. A ballot was taken for the election of ten members to serve on the Board of General Purposes. The following are members by virtue of their office, and having been nominated by the D.G.M.':— R.W. Bro. G. S. Graham D.G.M., Bros. W. Lodder D.D.G.M., J. Warren D.G.S.W., W. H. Skinner D.G.J.W., E. T. Wildman P.D.D.G.M.; Bros. Nelson, Goldsbro', Moat, Dawson, and Bro. M. S. Leers President. The election resulted as follows:—Bros. T. Cole, Chapman, Carlaw, Fenton, George, Hatswell, Hesketh, Macdonald, Rattray, and the Rev. W. Tebbs. The following Past Masters were elected to preside with the Lodge Officers over the Fund of Benevolence:—McLeod Alexandra Lodge, Tebbs Prince of Wales' Lodge, Crawford Turanganui Lodge, H. Chapman Eden Lodge, Rees George Remuera Lodge, Dargaville St. George's Lodge. Appointments were not made for the Rodney and Waitemata Lodges, because there was no P.M.'s provided for, and for the Northern Light Lodge, because it was too young to have a Past Master. The D.D.G.M. announced that an emergency meeting would be called on the arrival of the D.G.M. Bro. Graham. The D.D.G.M. then, in feeling terms, proposed a vote of condolence to Bro. E. S. Willcocks on his recent bereavement. The proposition was seconded and supported by Bro. Moat, and the Secretary was instructed to forward to Bro. Willcocks the vote of the District Grand Lodge. The Lodge was then closed in the usual form.

The new and handsome edifice erected by the brethren of the Lodge Remuera was consecrated on 9th Nov. The Lodge holding under the English Constitution, no more suitable day could have been selected than the Birthday of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Constitution. There was a very large gathering of members of the Craft, including representatives of the sister Grand Lodges, and officers and brethren of the various Lodges. Bro. Lodder D.D.G.M., and the first W.M. of the Lodge, presided at the opening ceremony. A procession was formed to St. Mark's Church, where a service was conducted by Bro. the Rev. C. M. Nelson D.G. Chaplain, and Bro. the Rev. W. Tebbs. After the service the brethren returned to the Hall, where the consecration service was completed. The opening of the Hall was celebrated by a ball in the evening, at which there was a large and fashionable gathering. Mr. Canning, of Queen-street was the caterer for the refreshments.

At the annual meeting of the Lodge Manukau, 587 S. C., the election of Officers for the ensuing year took place as follows:—C. V. Hill, R.W.M.; W. Dunwoodie, I.P.M. and Treasurer; J. J. Austin, S.W.; W. Brierly, J.W.; J. Robb Secretary; Rev. F. Gould, Chaplain; J. R. Roberts, S.D.; F. Lawry, J.D.; R. Bennett, I.G.; F. Austin, Tyler. After the installation, Brother Nicool, on behalf of the Lodge, presented to Brother Dunwoodie a Past Master's jewel, manufactured by Messrs. Kohn of Queen-street. It bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the members of Lodge Manuka, 586 S.C., to Brother William Dunwoodie P.M., in recognition of his services as W.M. during 1880, Onehunga, 1st December." Brother Dunwoodie, taken by surprise, only replied briefly, and he then on behalf of the Lodge presented to Brother M. Nicool P.M., a handsomely-illuminated address, prepared by Bro. J. Slator, and worded as follows:—"Brother M. Nicool: Dear Sir and Brother,—The Officers and Brethren of Lodge Manukau, 686 S.C., desire to express their unqualified satisfaction at the manner in which you have carried on the onerous duties of Master for a period of four years, often, as we are well aware, coming out to Onehunga at great personal inconvenience. We beg your acceptance of this testimonial as a small mark of our esteem and regard, with the hope that although you have retired from active service in the Lodge, we may often have the pleasure of seeing you amongst us assisting by your advice and thorough knowledge of Masonic usages. With hearty good wishes, we subscribe ourselves, on behalf of the brethren,—WM. DUNWOODIE, R.W.M., CHAS. VINER, S.W.; J. V. AUSTIN, J.W." Brother Nicool mode a suitable reply, and a very successful ball was held subsequently.

YORK MARK LODGE (T.I.)

ON Tuesday evening, 24th inst., the annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held at York, when there was a goodly gathering of members of the degree. The Installing Master was Bro. the Rev. W. Valentine (Wixley), the outgoing W.M., and his successor is Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis (Wath). The following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. S. Cumberland S.W., C. G. Padel J.W., G. Garbutt M.O., M. Millington S.O., A. T. B. Turner J.O., T. J. Wilkinson Chap., T. B. Whytehead P.M. Sec. and Treas., J. R. Jackson Registrar of Marks, T. G. Hodgson S.D., T. Humphries J.D., F. Smith D.C., G. Balmford P.M. Organist, W. Harrison and R. Ware Stewards, W. B. Dyson I.G., P. Pearson Tyler.

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THE LATE BRO. J. DANIEL MOORE, M.D.

THE interment of Dr. Moore took place on the forenoon of the 17th inst., at the Lancaster Cemetery, and notwithstanding the intense coldness of the weather, a large number of Freemasons and others assembled to pay the last token of respect to their deceased Brother and Companion. The funeral *cortège* left the residence of the deceased at ten o'clock, in the following order:—Private gentlemen; members of the Morecambe Lodge, Duke of Lancaster, Fortitude and Rowley Lodges of Freemasons; directors of the Athenæum; and members of the medical profession. Next followed the hearse, the following Masonic brethren officiating as pall bearers:—Bros. Captain Garnett, Captain Sly, H. Longman, Ed. Simpson Bagnall, Hall, John Hatch and Dean. Following the hearse were two mourning coaches, the first containing the two brothers of the deceased—Mr. J. M. Moore (Derby), and Mr. H. C. Moore (Lancaster)—as chief mourners, and the second Mr. C. Johnson and Dr. Wilson (Hornby), the deceased's medical advisers: the deceased's private carriage, containing Mr. Hannah and Dr. Reyne (deceased's partner), Mr. Starkie's, containing that gentleman and the Rev. C. T. Royds; Mr. E. B. Dawson's and Dr. Howitt's, the latter two being closed. On reaching the Grammar School a few of those in the procession left the ranks, but the bulk preceded the funeral *cortège* to the Cemetery. On reaching the mortuary chapel the brethren opened out and stood uncovered whilst the hearse and mourning coaches passed through. Before the mortal remains of the deceased were carried into the Chapel, three wreaths—two formed of white camelia and one of acacia—the latter being sent by Mrs. Onion, were placed on the coffin by the brothers of the deceased. The prayers and lesson of the Burial Service were impressively read by the Rev. P. Bartlett and the Rev. W. D. Firth. On these being concluded, the coffin was borne to the grave side, followed by the brethren, where the service was concluded, the brethren before quitting the grave side cast in the sprigs of acacia which they had worn during the ceremony. The deceased leaves a widow and two children to mourn his loss. We are indebted to a contemporary for the following particulars:—For some months back Dr. Moore, who was forty-six years of age, had shown signs of failing health, but much against the advice of his friends he continued to attend to his professional duties instead of taking that rest which he stood so much in need of himself. About three months ago, Dr. Moore had a severe attack of illness, which subsequently developed into a complication of diseases, and from which—although at one time he had sufficiently recovered to be able to take outdoor exercise—he never rallied. For a couple of weeks or so prior to his death, Dr. Moore was slightly better, but on Friday, 14th inst., a relapse set in, and it was evident he could not long survive, his frame being exhausted by the previous sufferings he had undergone. Although Dr. Moore was not a native of the town yet he has been resident here so long as to become identified with it. He first came to Lancaster about 1862, as assistant medical officer to the Lancaster County Lunatic Asylum. Subsequently he entered into partnership with Mr. Howitt, surgeon, of Queen-square, and in conjunction with that gentleman carried on a large practice, which since the retirement of the latter, a few years ago, was successfully continued by the deceased. Some few years back Dr. Moore took considerable interest in subjects of Natural History and Science, on which he frequently lectured, treating the matter in hand with a freshness and vigour which made it at once interesting and instructive. Dr. Moore was for a period of sixteen years honorary secretary of the Lancaster Athenæum Company, in the management of which he took a very prominent part during the whole of that time. His illness, and subsequent resignation of the office he held, had an important influence in accelerating the decision of the directors to abandon the society's entertainments. He was also surgeon to the Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry, an office which he held at the time of his death. For the last fifteen years Dr. Moore devoted considerable time and attention to Masonic matters, and very rapidly, and at the same time very deservedly, attained the front rank amongst the members of that body, and in this district was looked upon as the leader in Masonic thought. His advancement in the Craft was mainly attained by sheer hard work and constant study of Masonic lore.

FUNERAL OF BRO. ROCKETT.

The funeral of Bro. Herbert Rockett, a well-known Devonport Mason, took place at Stoke Churchyard on Sunday. The deceased gentleman was member of Lodge Friendship, 202, and held several minor offices during his membership of fifteen years. He was also a Royal Arch Mason, and Member of the Mark Degree. He distinguished himself by regular attendance to his duties. He was elected (after holding many other offices) Master of the True Blue Lodge, held at St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, and performed the duties to the entire satisfaction of the members. The *cortège* started from the residence of the deceased shortly after four p.m. There was a lengthy procession. The coffin was of polished oak with brass plate, bearing the inscription—"Herbert Rockett. Died 16th January 1881. Aged 52 years."

We are requested to announce that the working of the Fifteen Sections, at the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, 1623, at the Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, E.C., has been postponed until March, in consequence of Bro. G. H. Stephens, J.D. of the mother Lodge (who was to have presided on Monday, 31st inst.), having sustained severe domestic affliction.

INDUSTRY LODGE, No. 186.

THE Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 25th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, London, on which occasion the following Officers were present, viz.:—Bros. R. Allisor W.M., W. W. Philp S.W., H. J. Johnson J.W., W. H. Hook I.P.M., T. E. Sallent, D. J. Robinson, Henry George Lake, and C. W. Noehmer; W. Mann P.M. Treas., J. Seex P.M. Sec., J. J. Taffs S.D., John G. Horsey J.D., G. J. Dyer Steward, G. W. Hook I.G. There was also a large attendance of members of the Lodge, and the following visitors:—W. Poore P.M. 1306, James Stevens P.M. 1426, James Garnar P.M. 1622, G. Bond 704, H. W. Ruff W.M. 95, T. W. Skelton P.M. 1056, H. J. Godden P.M. 21 P.G.S., G. Whitaker 73, W. Marden 1791, E. J. Dixon 1627, D. Wetherilt S.D. 1681, C. Tayler S.D. 1624, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, C. W. Peters J.W. 507, Seymour Smith 742, &c. Some business of a preliminary nature having been transacted, and two gentlemen initiated into the Order, the ceremony of Installation was proceeded with, the retiring W.M. ably fulfilling the duty of placing his successor, Bro. W. Woodfield Philp, into the chair. That brother, after the observance of the customary ceremony proceeded to invest his Officers, the following brethren receiving the respective collars:—Bros. Johnson Senior Warden, Taffs Junior Warden, Mann Treasurer, Seex Secretary, Horsey Senior Deacon, G. W. Hook Junior Deacon, Dyer Inner Guard, C. W. Noehmer D. of C., Creighton and Page Stewards, Woodstock Tyler. The installing Master then gave the addresses, and thus concluded the work of his year of office in most efficient style. On rising for the first time the W.M. said he had a duty to perform—one of the first which usually fell to the lot of a W.M., and which to him was a most pleasing duty. He was gratified at being called upon to present to the outgoing Master the jewel which the brethren had voted for him, and which they had presented as a mark of their esteem, and in recognition of the able and courteous way in which he had carried on the duties appertaining to the chair. The W.M. and brethren only hoped that Bro. Allison would live long to wear it, and that he would be able to look upon it with gratification for many years to come. Bro. Allison suitably returned thanks. He accepted the jewel, and should always look upon it as a most gratifying memento of his term of office in the Industry Lodge. The petition of a Brother, who is now, and has been for some time past, in most distressed circumstances, was brought before the Lodge, and, on motion duly made and seconded, the sum of two guineas was presented to him from the Funds of the Lodge. The W.M. then closed the Lodge and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which was served in the Freemasons' Tavern. The newly installed Master ably fulfilled the duties of president of the festive board, and if we may judge from the boisterous enthusiasm with which the brethren supported him he did so to their entire satisfaction. But at the same time we think that as much regard can be shewn for a W.M. by the members of a Lodge by quiet appreciation of his efforts as by the continued exercise of the powerful lungs of the more enthusiastic brethren. To say the least, it is unnecessary in a Masonic Lodge to employ noise to shew pleasure, and however enjoyable it may be to the brethren who make it, it is very unpleasant to the quiet ones, and must be particularly so to the Brother who for the first time finds himself at the head of a Lodge. The toasts of the Queen and the Prince of Wales having been given and honoured, Bro. Seymour Smith gave his experiences of Lord Mayor's Day, and, as usual, his efforts met a most hearty reception. Bro. Allison having assumed the gavel, rose to propose the health of the W.M. He considered this the toast of the evening. It would be almost impossible for him to enumerate the many good qualities possessed by Bro. Philp; he further felt that the W.M. was so well known to the brethren as to render such a course unnecessary. He would simply call upon them to drink the toast, and to wish Bro. Philp a successful year of office. The W.M. in reply referred to the time of his initiation, at which he had looked with veneration and awe at the then W.M. He remembered wondering if it would ever be his good fortune to become Master of that or any other Lodge; and to-day, when the honour had been conferred on him, he looked upon it as the proudest attainment of his life. The next toast was that of the initiates, which was proposed from the chair. The Worshipful Master gave the newly admitted brethren a most hearty welcome, as did also the brethren in drinking to the toast. Each of the initiates responded, and then the W.M. proposed the health of the Installing Master and the Past Masters of the Lodge. They were a most influential body, one and all of them being ever ready to give their time, assistance, and influence for the Lodge. As regarded the Installing Master, Bro. Allison, the W.M. felt all would agree with him when he said it was impossible to say too much in his favour; he was a Mason heart and soul, and had devoted all his energy during the past year to the duties of the office he had so ably filled. He especially referred to the services rendered by the Treasurer and Secretary, and concluded by saying that, as all had done good service in the past, so he hoped they would live long to do so in the future. Bro. Allison briefly replied to the toast, and was followed by other of the Past Masters. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Visitors, to which Bros. Godden, Cantle, and Stevens replied Other toasts followed in due order, and the proceedings were in due course brought to a conclusion.

OLD GLOBE LODGE, No 200.

THE annual festival of St. John, and installation of the W.M. Elect, Bro. J. R. Dippie S.W., took place at the Old Globe, Scarborough, on Wednesday evening, when a large number of the brethren attended. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. W. H. Smyth R.W. Prov. G. Master Lincolnshire, assisted by Bro. J. W. Woodall P.M. P.P.S.G.W., Bro. G. H. Walshaw P.M. P.P.G.D.C., and Bro. W. B. Richardson I.P.M. After the installation

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the W.M. invested the following brethren as Officers :—Bros. W. B. Richardson I.P.M., G. Dippie S.W., E. Cooper J.W., J. W. Taylor P.M P.P.S.G.W. Chaplain, J. W. Woodall P.M. Treasurer, J. Wanless Secretary, R. Hume S.D., W. Meeke J.D.. C. Roberts D.C., B. Shaw Organist, R. Land I.G., J. Rines and W. Whittingham Stewards, J. Verity Tyler, and G. Simpson Assistant Tyler. After the business had been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was served up in really excellent style by Bro. Abbott. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

ISRAEL LODGE, No. 205.

THE installation meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held on Tuesday, 25th inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, there being a large attendance of the brethren throughout the evening. The minutes of last regular Lodge meeting were confirmed. Report of the Audit Committee and balance sheet were next read by the Secretary, and approved. Among items in the balance sheet were Grand Lodge dues £24 7s, carriages for attending the late Bro. C. Coote's funeral £2 16s 9d, repairs to furniture, new jewels, &c. £11 0s 6d, Lodge Benevolent Fund £15 7s 6d, Charities £7 7s 3d, together £22 14s 9d, and Mansion House Relief Fund for Distress in Ireland £5 5s. There was a balance in hand of £54 9s 3d. Ballots having been taken, and declared unanimous, Bro. Joseph Israel 1502 was admitted as a joining member, and Mr. Sam. Hy. Philcox and Mr. Phillip Oestermann were duly initiated. Bros. J. Jacobs, M. Jacobs, S. Jacobs, and C. M. Anderson were passed, and Bro. A. Z. Gartley was raised to the sublime degree. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. H. J. Phillips, W.M. elect, having been presented to the sitting Master Bro. T. Norden, proceeded to instal his successor in the chair of K.S. The ceremony was admirably worked, and elicited high eulogiums from the brethren, especially from the P.M.'s. The W.M. invested his Officers as follow :—Bros. J. Da Salva S.W., A. Abrahams J.W., A. M. Cohen P.M. Treas., C. F. Hogard P.M. Sec., A. Abrahams S.D., J. A. Gartley J.D., H. M. Harris P.M. D.C., J. J. Ward I.G., C. H. Norden Steward, and Rawles Tyler. The brethren then adjourned to the banquetting room, and did ample justice to the good fare provided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and duly acknowledged. During the evening the W.M. invested the I.P.M. with a jewel, which was the unanimous vote of the Lodge, and in a few words gracefully complimented him upon having discharged the duties of his year of office to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. Letters of apology and regret were read from Bros. G. Secretary, Sir Albert Woods P.G.W., T. Fenn P.G.D., Jabez Hogg P.G.D., and others. The brethren separated, after having spent a very enjoyable evening.

Victoria Lodge, No. 1056.—The first meeting of the year in connection with this Lodge was held on Wednesday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, when there was a large attendance, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Edward H. Williams. Amongst those present were Bros. Frederick King S.W., James Boulton J.W., W. Perrin P.M. Treasurer, Alfred A. Pendlebury P.M. Secretary, Frank Herow S.D., A. Caink J.D., Edmund Bowles I.G., L. G. Reinhardt Tyler; Past Masters Bros. N. G. Durrant, John N. Felton, C.C., A. Robbins; Bros. S. D. F. Atley, James P. Allen, George Cavendish, Thomas, Skelton, Robert Williams, Thomas Cook, H. J. Felton, William Vilven, Henry George Danby, Charles Gale, J. Cochrane, Henry Davis, A. J. Bear, James William Sherman. Visitors—Bros. J. H. Huxtable 1135, James H. Rich 1524, Henry Von Joel 957, T. Smith Worshipful Master 813, J. Longman Cogan 1365, G. R. Turner 506, John Shaw 139. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then prepared for Mr. James William Sherman, lamp manufacturer, &c., of No. 28 New Compton Street, Soho, and 16 Ashchurch Terrace, Starch Green, who had been proposed by Bro. Robert Williams, and seconded by Bro. Henry George Danby. The voting was unanimous, and the candidate initiated by the W. Master, who acquitted himself most satisfactorily. After the transaction of some routine business, Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous repast, under the presidency of the W. Master, and the Loyal and Craft toasts were enthusiastically received. The Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, which is in connection with this Lodge, holds its meetings at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, every Friday evening, at seven o'clock.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—A meeting was held on the 24th instant, at the Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road. Bros. Clements 1306 W.M., Hammond 1178 S.W., C. Kendall S.W. 1625 J.W., Barnes P.M. 933 Treasurer, B. Stewart 1278 Sec., Loftus 1306 S.D., Davies 1021 J.D., Scheerboom I.G., Hogg Preceptor; also Bro. Day 1736. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Stewart acting as candidate. The form of investing Officers of the Lodge was then gone through, by Bro. C. Kendall. Lodge opened in the second degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Day acting as candidate. It was proposed by Bro. Hogg, seconded by Bro. Kendall, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which the W.M. had worked the ceremonies. Bro. Barnes also supported the proposition, and spoke in high terms of the way in which the ceremonies had been rehearsed. A vote of thanks was also passed, to be recorded on the minutes, for the manner in which Bro. Stewart had rehearsed the ceremony of the third degree at last Lodge meeting.

The installation meeting of the Jordan Lodge, No. 201, was held on Friday, 21st inst., at Freemasons' Hall, W.C. A report of the proceedings shall appear in our next.

TENTERDEN LODGE OF MARK MASTERS, No. 251.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday evening, 15th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, under the presidency of Bro. S. J. Turquand, the retiring W. Master. After confirmation of the minutes of previous meetings, the report of the Audit Committee was presented, and unanimously adopted. A ballot was then opened for Bro. James F. Lovelock, Duke of Connaught Lodge, as a joining member, proposed by the W. Master, and seconded by Bro. Walter T. Christian P.M. and Sec., and also for Bro. Arthur Medworth, of London Wall, proposed by the W. Master elect, and seconded by Bro. Nicholson. Both were accepted unanimously, and Bro. Medworth was duly advanced to the Mark degree. Bro. W. A. Gimmingham was then presented for installation as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed in masterly style by Bro. S. Turquand I.P.M. The newly-installed W. Master then invested his Officers for the year, as follow :—Bros. S. J. Turquand I.P.M., Silvester S.W., Blackman J.W., Halloway M.O., Nicholson S.O., Pergeter J.O., Walker S.D., Smith J.D., Lovelock I.G., Medworth D.C. The brethren subsequently sat down to a *recherché* banquet, served in a style for which this old-established hotel is renowned. Bro. Clemow's arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the party elicited general applause, and the customary Loyal and Mark toasts were proposed and received with due honours. The very enjoyable proceedings were interspersed with some excellent vocal and instrumental music, the arrangements for which were under the direction of Bro. Cozens. Among the Visitors were Bros. H. Venn, J. E. Pinder, F. H. Cozens, Hubbard, Fredk. Binckes, C. F. Matier, &c.

In addition to the services recorded in our last issue as having been rendered by the Masonic Lifeboat, the "Albert Edward," a noble effort was made to save a portion of the crew of the ill-fated Indian Chief, but was unfortunately unsuccessful. The boat was out on that occasion for twenty-four hours. For these services the National Lifeboat Institution has made very liberal payments to the crew of the lifeboat, and in reference to the services of the boats of the Institution generally, we may mention that during the recent storms they have saved the following shipwrecked crews :—

French Ketch "Manne de Ciel," 4; Dutch steamer "Euerst," 7; Spanish brigantine "Rosetta," 8; ship "Indian Chief," of Liverpool, 12; barque "Hertha," of Christiansund, rendered assistance; brigantine "Hasselo," of Haguesund, 8; schooner "Minnie Coles," of Southampton, saved vessel and crew; brig "Visitor," of Whitby, 6; s.s. "Trafalgar," of London, 23; barque "North Wales," of London, 21; schooner "Rosa Joseph," 5; smack "Fishguard Lass," of Abersoch, 3; schooner "Miss Beck," of Carnarvon, 5; fishing boats, "Magdalen," and Star of Peace," 12; two fishing boats of Berwick-on-Tweed, saved boats and 9; fishing coble "Lively," of Redcar, 2; several fishing cobles, rendered assistance; sloop "Ruby," of Goole, assisted to save vessel and 2; Norwegian schooner, 3; brig "Matilda," of Gothenberg, rendered assistance; and brig "Gyda," of Swenadall, 9; total, 143 lives, besides 4 vessels.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. H. C. E. MUECKE AS R.W. D.G.M. SCOTTISH CONSTITUTION.

THE most imposing ceremonial that has ever taken place in South Australia in connection with the Masonic Order was the installation of Bro. H. C. Muecke as Right Worshipful District Grand Master of the Scotch Constitution, which took place in the Adelaide Town Hall, on Tuesday, 30th Nov. With the growth of the colony the numbers of the Freemasons have correspondingly increased, and although the dignity of the official positions in connection with the mystic tie has the same significance in a small as in a large community, yet the representative character of such an office as that of D.G.M. must necessarily be greatly enhanced as the strength and portance of the Order is developed in a comparatively new colony. The installation of Bro. Muecke was therefore made the occasion of a very important demonstration on Tuesday, when officers and members from Lodges in the most distant parts of the country attended to take part in the ceremonial. The office to which Bro. Muecke has just been appointed was formerly held by Bro. C. H. T. Connor, who retired a short time since on account of ill-health. The members of the Grand Lodge assembled at the Town Hall at 7.30 p.m., and when the visiting members from the other Lodges had arrived, to the number of upwards of 500, the hall wore a very imposing appearance, which was heightened by the display of the various insignia appropriate to the occasion. The Lodge was opened by an impressive service in which the R.W. Allan Quin G.S.W. officiated as Installing Master, assisted by Bros. J. Wallace as Senior Warden, A. Hall Junior Warden, and the Rev. Canon Farr, M.A., Chaplain. Amongst those who took part in the ceremony were the R.W. District Grand Master of the English Constitution, Bro. A. Hardy, M.P., the W. Deputy D.M.G., Bro. H. E. Downer S.M, and other Officers; the R.W. D.M.G. of the Irish Constitution, Bro. W. J. Crawford; the D.P.G.M. Bro. W. N. Crowder, and the principal Officers of Lodges in the suburban and country districts. Bro. G. Oughton, Grand Organist of the Scotch Constitution, presided as instrumentalist. The installation ceremonial was of a most imposing character, and included the reading, by the S.W., of the Warrant from Sir Michael Earnshaw Stuart, Bart., Grand Master of Scotland, appointing Bro. Muecke to be D.G.M. Bro. Muecke was duly installed, and proclaimed in ancient form. He received the congratulations of the P.G.M. Scotch Constitution, and the D.G.M. of the English Constitution, and Masters of the various Lodges present, after which he appropriately returned thanks. The D.G.M. then appointed the Officers in the Provincial Grand Lodge—Bro. H. Quinn D.D.G.M.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 29th JANUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

MONDAY, 31st JANUARY.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1633—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
1635—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)

62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 1st FEBRUARY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston'at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1361—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1688—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
130—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
134—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
236—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
466—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
985—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
1008—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1760—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 3 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
963—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1237—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1378—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1388—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1534—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upp. Richmond-rd., S.W
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chesham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Keraley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
972—S. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Erith.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool (In.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

THURSDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7. (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Bell Hotel, Shoreditch

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
380—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1013—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man.
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 4th FEBRUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction.)
834—Kanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 165 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
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709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
995—Welsh Pool, Railway Station, Welsh Pool
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Room, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1865—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1538—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1587—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1861—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Free masons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1886—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
K.T.—Royal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly.

SATURDAY, 5th FEBRUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
186—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1573—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1634—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
1466—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Candour Lodge, No 337.—The members of this Lodge are building new premises, which they purpose occupying in April. They have been seeking an abiding place at several public-houses, but propose having a home of their own at last. Some of the brethren have been struggling for years to obtain it, but the oppositionists have been afraid of the extra cost to the Lodge. Candour Lodge may be considered a good Lodge as to numbers when we bear in mind that it meets in a country village and has upwards of 50 members. It can boast also of about 130 votes for the various Charities, and will send a Steward to support its Prov. G.M., Sir H. Edwards in his Chairmanship for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and will thus add still more votes. It has also 18 P.M.'s in the Lodge, all active men. The brethren will not hold a festival in January, as they hope to have one when they enter their new building. The W.M. Bro. S. Robinson was installed last Lodge night, 18th January, by Bro. P.M. J. Hirst P.P.J.G.W., he invested the Officers, passed one Brother, and initiated one. The Lodge was established in 1812, with the charter from Penrith, which had been forfeited by a Lodge there. The first books came from a Lodge which used to be held at the Golden Lion, Weston, in Cheshire, on the banks of the Dee, but how they came, and why, there is no record to be found. The first meetings noticed in the book are of 1801, but there must have been older records. A short time ago an old forged Bank of England Note was found in one of the books; it had been paid into the Bank of England on the 10th of June 1820, and they stamped the word "forged" all over it, and sent it back. There is a memo on the back that the Lodge got another for it. It was sent to the Grand Lodge for contributions, &c., but it had passed through many hands before being found out. It was manufactured in June 1819.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—As is customary before the meeting of the mother Lodge—which assembled on Friday, the 28th inst., for emergency business—the W.M. of the mother Lodge, Bro. Blasby, and his Officers attended at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday evening, 21st inst. There were also present Bros. Roe P.M. Preceptor, Andrews P.M., F. Botley, Brill, Dorey, Monson, Tucker, Lees, Underwood, Daniell, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Daniell candidate; after which Bros. Daniell and Lees answered the questions leading to the second degree, and retired. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Monson candidate. Lodge was opened in third, and closed to first degree. The election of Bro. Monson as W.M. was ordered to stand good for 4th February. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on 25th instant. Bros. Smyth W.M., Carr S.W., Wardell J.W., Clark S.D., Christian J.D., Edwards I.G., J. Lorkin Sec.; also Bros. Dallas, Brand, Dignam, Forss, Williams, Lankester, Morant, P.M. Lee, and others. After preliminaries, Bro. Dignam was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. P.M. Lee, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Brasted acting as W.M. elect. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Carr was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. The working of the Fifteen Sections has been postponed till 22nd February. A vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. P.M. Lee for the very able manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony of installation.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—Held at Bro. Stevenson's, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham Road (close to Hackney Downs Junction). On Monday, 17th inst., Bro. Seymour-Clarke presided as W.M., supported by Bros. W. H. Myers Preceptor, Crane S.W., Frankel J.W., Goddard, Partridge, McDonald, Robson, Loring, Kimbell, Brevetor, and Hildreth. After the observance of due formalities, Bro. Partridge was questioned, entrusted, and raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Lodge being lowered, the first and second sections of the second lecture were worked by Bro. McDonald, assisted by Bros. Kimbell and Partridge. Lodge was closed to the first degree, and Bro. Loring assisted Bro. McDonald to work the first section. Bro. Crane was elected W.M. for Monday, 31st Jan., Lodge was closed in due form. On Monday last, 24th inst., the chair of K.S. was taken by Bro. W. Musto P.M. 1349, who added to the roll of his Masonic achievements by working the Fifteen Sections in a masterly manner. Bro. W. H. Myers P.M 820 and 1445 Preceptor acted as I.P.M. The chair of S.W. was most ably filled by Bro. B. Cundick P.M. 1421, who officiated in that capacity in the unavoidable absence of the veteran Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933, whose presence would have increased and added lustre to the above assemblage of the Wise Men of the East. Bro. Hildreth acted as J.W., Bro. Seymour-Clarke Sec. After preliminaries, the W.M. was assisted in his Masonic working by the following brethren: First Lecture—Bros. Loring, Macgregor, Robson, Goddard, McDonald, Pavitt, and McDonald; Second Lecture—Bros. Kimbell Partridge, F. C. Fenn, Cundick, and Worsley; Third Lecture—Bros. I. P. Cohen, Job, and Myers. Lodge being resumed in the first degree, votes of thanks were unanimously given to the W.M. for his excellent working, the S.W. for his able services, and also to those brethren who, by their thorough efficiency in their responses whilst working the several sections, had so greatly added to the gratification and enlightenment of those present. Bro. Worsley 860, the worthy Sec., and Bro. Pavitt, "Mine Host," of the Friars Lodge of Instruction, and also Bro. Hildreth, were then elected hon. members, that compliment having long since been passed to the W.M. and S.W. We were pleased to welcome as visitors Bros. John Constable 185, W. J. Smith 860, Wooding and Couture 1306, Robson 960, S. Crane 933, Wendover and Fenn 171, Bellerbee 65, Harlow 1613, R. Bayley 45, Guthrie, and many others, though the inclement weather prevented several from attending who had promised to support the W.M., but who thus missed the pleasure afforded by so many able exponents of Masonic Craft Ritual. Bros. Fenn, Wooding, Bellerbee, Smith 860, Couture, Robson 960, A. W. Guthrie, and R. Bailey, were elected members. Lodge was closed in due form.

Hemming Lodge, No. 1512, Hampton.—Notwithstanding the desperate state of the weather, the brethren mustered in sufficient force to open Lodge within a few minutes of the time appointed on Thursday, 20th instant. Bro. T. W. Ockenden W.M. presided, assisted by Bros. P.M.'s Jessett I.P.M., T. C. Walls S.W., E. Hopwood Treasurer acting J.W., W. Hammond Secretary, Toser, Herbert Jones, H. Tozer, Ballard, and Gilbert Tyler. The Lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting, 8th November, and of emergency meetings, 18th December and 6th January, read and confirmed, the Worshipful Master proceeded to initiate Messrs. Ransford and Dohoo into the mysteries of the Craft. Another candidate for initiation, and also a brother for passing, were absent, through illness, and a large number of members forwarded apologies for non-attendance, pleading stress of weather and snow-bound quarters. Indeed, it was a matter of congratulation to the W.M. that as many as nearly a dozen true and trusty brethren were present, who had ventured to brave the elements, and face the fatigues of a journey either from town or the neighbouring districts. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren spent a couple of hours most harmoniously at the supper table, the Tyler's toast bringing the proceedings to a close at ten o'clock. Since the meeting a very kind communication from the R.W. Bro. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett Prov. Grand Master has been received by the W.M., regretting inability to attend, in consequence of being snowed up in the Provinces. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 18th February.

West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction met at the Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, on Monday last, when there was a good number of brethren present. This being an off night the first, second, and third degrees were rehearsed by the following brethren:—Bro. Keeble S.D. The Great City, first; Baker J.W. Grosvenor, second; Bro. Van Raalte W.M. Cosmopolitan, third. On the motion of Bro. Pennefather, that the hour of meeting be altered from 8 to 7 p.m., the brethren were unanimous that the latter would be better. Consequently, on and after Monday next, the members will meet at 7 p.m. Brethren wishing to become proficient in Masonic Ritual will receive a hearty greeting. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by the W.M. of the Royal Albert Lodge on the last Monday in February.

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MASONIC HISTORY AND ITS CRITICS.

IT goes without saying that our Masonic historians have much to answer for in respect of the highly-coloured descriptions they have published of the early history of the Craft. To those who are most conversant with the difficulties encountered in the ordinary course of historic investigation, the facility with which our writers on Masonic history have adopted the unsupported statements of those who preceded them must be astounding. Even in connection with many events, the authenticity of which is established beyond all doubt, it will be found occasionally that there is a great variety of readings as to the circumstances, the order in which those circumstances occurred, and the motives by which the men who took part in them were actuated. If we take, as a single illustration of the truth of our statement, certain of the events which occurred in this country during the latter half of the fifteenth century, we shall find that many of them are still enshrouded in mystery. Thus, after the most careful researches, we are still in doubt as to the circumstances attending the death, in the Tower of London, of our Henry VI., the general belief being that he was got out of the way by Richard of Gloucester, afterwards Richard III.; of George Duke of Clarence, brother of Edward IV. and the same Richard, the popular version being that, sentence of death having been passed, he was at his own request drowned in a butt of his especial favourite Malmsey wine; and of the young princes, Edward V. and his brother of York, who are said to have been suffocated at the instance of their uncle, the Protector, Richard of Gloucester. The character of this last-named prince is a mystery to this very day. The majority incline to accept the picture drawn of him by our immortal Shakspeare, who has delineated him as one of the most bloody-minded tyrants that ever disgraced a throne; while there has arisen of late years another school of critics who view his character with a far greater degree of favour, pronouncing him to have been an able prince and a distinguished military leader, who, in all the actions which marked his brief reign, was influenced by a lofty patriotism, while, as to his alleged bloodthirstiness, he was not less scrupulous or more indifferent to the shedding of human blood than his contemporaries. Many, indeed, go so far as to say that, as a man, the qualities he possessed made him the superior of his successful rival, the first of the Tudors, and that had he proved victor on the field of Bosworth, our country would have been better governed and would have attained, under his auspices, a far higher measure of prosperity than it did under those of his wily and ungenerous successor. Here, then, we have certain events about the actual occurrence of which there is not the slightest doubt whatever, and yet the facts are scarcely at all more clear now, after centuries of investigation, than they were at the time they happened. If, then, there is all this doubt and mystery about matters which are known to have taken place, as well as about the character of a prince who played so conspicuous a part in the history of his time as did our Richard III., how much greater doubt and mystery must hang about the occurrences of Masonry, which, whether as an Operative Guild or a Speculative Society, has always enjoyed the character of being a secret body? Under these circumstances, it is, of course, the more surprising that any sane man possessing ability to distinguish between the probable and the improbable, yet without the *data* which would enable him to determine the actual, should have associated with the early history of Freemasonry so much that is absolutely mythical. That Freemasonry has an early history, extending far back into the remote past, we are firmly persuaded; the very nature of our splendid Society justifies that belief. But it is one thing to believe in a genuine antiquity and yet another of an entirely different complexion to deliberately associate with it a series of personages and events which, in the order of things, could never have been connected with it. To mention one conspicuous case only. St. Alban, the protomartyr of Britain, may have been a great patron of architecture, but to affirm that he was the founder of the first Lodge of Freemasons—in anything like the sense in which we understand the expression—is about the most grotesque of the many grotesque absurdities which the human imagination has ever, in its wildest moments, been guilty. This is only one of the almost countless assertions of our historic writers which have made Freemasonry—or, rather, its history—a byeword and reproach among men of rough, but ready, understanding. We may affirm and imagine what we will, we shall never, while the world lives, succeed in compiling a veracious history of the Society of Freemasons. Yet we cannot but involve ourselves in ridicule of the most humiliating character when we persist in speaking of Adam, Noah, Euclid, St. Alban, to mention no other names, as having been Grand Masters of our Society.

On the other hand, and while we deprecate the nonsense of those writers who insist on giving an actuality to the history of the Craft in the remotest times, and on proclaiming the direct personal connection with our Order of many among the most remarkable of the world's heroes, we must not allow ourselves to run into the opposite extreme of questioning everything which is not demonstrable in the manner ordinarily accepted by expert historical investigators. We may not, for instance, be able to clear up the mystery as to the circumstances which attended the deaths of Henry VI. and George Duke of Clarence, as well as of Edward V. and his brother. It is out of our power—at all events, without further evidence—to resolve the character of Richard III.—whether he was a magnanimous prince, inspired equally by patriotism and a lofty idea of the kingly power, or a mere bloodthirsty tyrant. The facts remain that Henry VI. and the others died in the fortress we have named, and Richard III. lived and died a Sovereign of England. Similarly, and descending from great things to small, from the conduct of a State to the ramifications of a Society, there are many matters connected with the earliest history of Freemasonry which cannot be fully explained, but the actuality of which cannot or ought not to be seriously questioned. If we are so unfortunate as to be compelled to number among former contributors to the history of Freemasonry many who have given priority to the extravagance of their imagination over probability, there are those among us at this present time who would narrow the circle of historic probability till it was nothing more than a mathematical point. These latter are the class of men who would write whole libraries of volumes for the purpose of showing that somebody's name or title was written either with or without a final "e;" that the common ancestor of the multitudinous family of the Smiths spelled his name with a "y" instead of an "i;" that the half-outlined bird on the long-disused signboard of an ancient hostelry must have been intended to represent a duck because it was small, a goose because it

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was ungainly, or a swan because it was graceful as to its neck, when as a matter of fact there was nothing about the sign as depicted which could justify the formation of any opinion whatever. These are the men who must have every date as accurately stated as it is in the consecutive numbers of a daily or weekly paper, and who will have chapter and verse for every incident which is said to be or to have been connected with the history of Freemasonry as clearly indicated as in a current item of news. There was a Lodge in Islington, says a matter-of-fact individual, who has a good deal of faith in the legitimate antiquity of Freemasonry, and who has as much faith in the doctrine of historic probabilities as men of reading and ordinary powers of discernment are wont to have. There was, he affirms, a Masonic Lodge in Islington in the year 1730. Bro. Thompson, who was at the time the senior churchwarden of the parish, was the Worshipful Master. It met at the sign of the "Duck" in High Street, and what is of greater moment, the *Islington Recorder* of December for that year speaks of a meeting of the Lodge having been held on the 10th of that month at the house indicated. But, retorts our hypercritical critic, there never was such a house as the "Duck" in High-street, it was the "Goose." Bro. Thompson was in Paris on 10th January 1731; how could he then have been in Islington on 10th December previous, in days when there were neither railways nor telegraphs? Moreover, the *Islington Mercury* of 1734 speaks of a Bro. Holloway having been installed Master of the *first* Lodge in Islington on 23rd June of that year. Therefore, it is all humbug to say there was a Lodge as stated in Islington in 1730, unless you can produce some evidence from the archives of Grand Lodge itself to prove the case. To urge that these archives were very differently kept in those days as an apology for being unable to produce such evidence would be useless. The hypercritic must have it that, in 1730, the house was called the "Goose," there was no such sign as the "Duck" in the neighbourhood; Bro. Thompson could not have been in Islington in December 1730, because he was in Paris in the following month, and mention of the *first* Lodge in Islington is distinctly made in 1734. Moreover, he would say, in addition, that in a somewhat similar case which had been submitted to him for investigation, it had taken him "only a quarter of an hour" to satisfy himself that certain records which were supposed to date from 1723 began in reality from 1750 only.

Perhaps some of our readers will consider this an extreme and somewhat childish illustration. This is far from being the case, however. There is a school of critics who insist that, in order to prove the existence of a Lodge in a particular locality, even the smallest and most trivial detail must be verified, or in the absence of such verification, they reject the statement of there ever having been such a Lodge. For instance, it cannot be a matter of life or death to us whether Philadelphia is or is not the Mother-City of American Freemasonry. Yet we have never heard it authoritatively contradicted that in 1730 the Duke of Norfolk, then Grand Master, granted a deputation to Bro. Daniel Coxe as Prov. Grand Master of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. The minutes of our Grand Lodge record that early in the course of 1731 the said Bro. Coxe was present at a certain Communication, and they describe him as Prov. Grand Master of North America. A Philadelphia journal of 1732 speaks of Freemasons meeting in that city. There is, moreover, no inherent or antecedent improbability against the actuality of these circumstances; while having regard to the meagreness of the records relating to the Speculative Freemasonry of that day, we cannot expect, we have no right to expect, that absolutely irrefragable evidence of the truth of any statement—such as a Court of law would insist upon having—shall be produced. It is not because we are under the necessity of rejecting the myths of Masonic history that we must follow suit by rejecting as wild absurdities whatever events in its world-wide career are unsupported by chapter and verse, so to speak, in the way of testimony. The school of hypercritics must excuse us for reminding them that the most difficult of all undertakings is to attempt to prove a negative, and they who try, after the lapse of a century and a-half, to prove there were no Masons who met together in Philadelphia in or about the year 1730 will need more than the wisdom of all the Seven Ages of Greece combined. There is a something in the shape of proof that there were such; there is absolutely nothing in the way of disproof. If we deal with the history of Freemasonry, as we do with other histories, we shall have nothing to be ashamed of on the score of either exaggeration or the reverse.

THE KIDDERMINSTER MASONIC HALL AND CLUB COMPANY.

IT will be in the recollection of our readers that early in the course of last year a Masonic Hall at Kidderminster was consecrated by the Right W. Bro. Sir E. Lechmere, Bart, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Worcestershire. We are always pleased to note events of this kind, for established quarters which are one's own property are always preferable to hired quarters. Our Kidderminster brethren acted, therefore, with a degree of circumspection when they resolved on erecting their own Hall and Club, and having, as good business men are wont to do, seen their way clear to do this, they are now, at the end of their first year's experience, under the necessity of placing before their constituents a full record of what has been done since the consecration. This record, which is now before us, we rejoice to say, is eminently satisfactory. We do not, of course, mean by this to affirm that the Kidderminster Masonic Hall has no liabilities. But its position seems to be sufficiently sound and satisfactory, to judge from the tenour of the Auditors' Report, which will be submitted at the first annual General Meeting of the Company, to be held at the Hall, 128 Mill-street, on Monday, the 7th instant. Under the Freehold Account there remain, after payment for land and buildings of £2077 8s 5d, liabilities amounting only to £21. The same must be said of the Furniture Account, in respect of which sums amounting to £683 6s 3d have been paid, while those yet to be paid are £90 18s. These outlays, and the expenses of forming the Company, have been met, as described in the Establishment Account, by the fully paid-up capital of £1500, a sum of £1200 raised by mortgage, and a loan from the Birmingham Banking Company of £249 4s 9d, of which there remains to be drawn a sum of £111 18s. From the Liabilities Account it appears that the still-outstanding liabilities represent a total of £127 13s 9d, and there is, as regards the Cash Account, a small sum in hand. In short, on the whole account, there appears to be a Balance of Profit not very far short of £250, which, under all the circumstances, must be regarded as a most satisfactory result, especially at the end of the first year. It is true the figures are not large, but the profit bears to the sum of the Capital, Mortgage, and Loan a very handsome ratio. We must congratulate the Directorate on the success of their management, and express a hope that the year they are now entering upon will be still more prosperous.

SPECIAL MEETING OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the Committee of Petitions was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., in the Market Hall, Torrington. There were present the following Right Worshipful and Worshipful brethren:—Bros. W. J. Rogers (chairman), J. B. Gover, Charles Godtschalk (Representative of the Committee in London), John Stocker, Samuel Jones, J. Edward Curteis, James E. Moon, John Brewer, William Browning, Richard Cawsey, W. C. Oliver, George C. Searle, Rev. Thomas Russell, E. A. Davies, J. H. Trounce, J. Russell Lord, E. Thomas Fulford, William Bradie.

The Secretary stated that his remarks would be embodied in the report of the London Representative of the Committee, and Bro. Godtschalk submitted as follows:—

Brethren,—At the last meeting of this Committee, on the 19th of August last, held at Barnstaple, it was decided the boy Sydney E. Loveridge should be the adopted candidate to receive the support and votes of the Province for election into the School of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The election took place 11th October last. There were 74 candidates, competing for 16 vacancies. The highest of the 16 candidates polled 1994 votes; the lowest of the 16 winning candidates polled 1498 votes. For use at this election I received from Bro. J. B. Gover—Boys, Devon Province, votes 304; and from Cornwall, through Bro. Gover, 68; total from Devon, 372. Not a large number, brethren, for an election at which the lowest elected boy polled 1493. However, working upon the principle I have adopted since the management of the Province votes has been entrusted to me—viz., that the candidate should be, if possible, elected the first time of asking, I obtained from Province of Berks 93 votes, from Province of Cheshire 300, from Province of Shropshire 100, from North Wales 100, from Dorsetshire 276, and by exchange for girls' votes and my own 77, total 1532 boys' votes. Of these votes I polled for our adopted candidate Loveridge 1328.

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With the 324 brought forward our candidate was elected the tenth on the poll. I then, holding 204 votes saved, after I had made the candidate secure, lent the 204 saved votes to the Province of Warwickshire on IOU for return for the April election this year, Bro. Gover holding the IOU.

For the Girl's Election, October 1880, no candidate was adopted by the Committee, from the fact that no votes were available, for had I not obtained the large number of boys' votes from sister provinces, every girl's vote from Devon would have been exchanged for boys, and used for the adopted candidate Loveridge; even in that case the combined boys and girls' votes of our Province would not have produced more than one-third the number of votes necessary for the boy's election. This Committee having given me power of discretion in the management of the votes, whilst the girls' election of October last was unusually favourable for candidates, I, in conjunction with Bro. Gover, and from letters received from Mrs. Huyshe upon the subject of a Devon girl, the daughter of our late Bro. Drake, solicitor, of Exeter, was induced to take up the case of that child, with the following results:—Received from Bro. Gover, Devon Province, girls votes 150, repaid to me by South Wales upon their IOU, which I held 200, total votes (girls) from Devon 350, from Cornwall, through Bro. Gover, 126 girls, I obtained from the Province of Berks (girls) 67, from Dorsetshire 67, by exchange for boys 43. Then polling for the girl Drake 567, and she bringing forward 22, elected the case No. 39 on poll with 589 votes. At this most unusual election there were 54 candidates and 42 vacancies. The highest elected polled 1422, the lowest elected polled 582 votes. Therefore, with my 589 winning it is evident no votes were wasted. I have now to call the attention of the Committee to the following facts—the indebtedness of Devon to the following Provinces:—We owe Cornwall 68 boys' votes, 126 girls' votes, and 120 widows' votes. To Berkshire we owe 93 boys' and 67 girls'. To Cheshire 300 boys'. To Shropshire 100 boys'. To North Wales 100 boys'. To Dorsetshire 276 boys' and 67 girls', for which these Provinces hold severally the IOU's of Devon. To myself the Province owes 128 boys' votes and 362 widows' votes, for which I am personally responsible, and for which I hold the IOU of Devon, signed by Bro. Gover. As a set-off to these figures, Warwickshire is indebted to Devon 400 aged Masons' and widows' votes, also 204 boys' votes—604. In conclusion, it may be stated that between April and October 1880, five Devon candidates have been elected into the respective Institutions—first, in April, H. Norrish, a boy, into the Boys' School, he having polled 1513 votes; next, in May last, Mrs. Andrews, of Plymouth, who had polled for her 923 votes, and Bro. G. Elliott, of Brixham, polled 320 votes, the fourth and fifth candidates, the boy Loveridge and girl Drake polled respectively 1652 and 589 votes. The actual number of votes polled for the five candidates has been 4997. To do this the total number of votes received from Devon has been 1948, leaving a gap of 3049 votes, which have been found elsewhere. Summary—Devon owes 1807 votes, against which deduct 604 votes owed to Devon by Warwickshire, reducing the number owed by Devon to 1203. Therefore, take the Devon votes received by me 1948, add to them the votes Devon owes 1203—total 3151; for these votes the Province has elected five candidates, and has nothing to pay. For difference between the 3151 votes and the 4997 votes it cost to elect the five candidates, viz., 1846 votes. In recognition of this and previous work of the same character, I have to ask, through you, Bro. Chairman, that this Committee do now recommend the Provincial Grand Lodge, at its regular annual meeting (whenever that takes place), to vote the sums respectively of £52 10s to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons and Widows, and the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The report was received and adopted, and, though no resolution could be put, it was understood that the brethren would support one at the next meeting, when they would have power to recommend the sums named in the last passages of the report. In a discussion which followed, it was suggested that if the representatives of the different Lodges would make themselves better acquainted with the Charities of the Order, and keep the matter well before their Lodges, much benefit would accrue. The Secretary had received no petitions for relief, and, in accordance with the by-law, no candidate could be adopted for either of the great Charities. R.W. Bro. W. G. Rogers was unanimously re-elected the chairman, M.W. J. B. Gover the Secretary, and V.W. Bro. C. Godtschalk the representative in London; and a very cordial vote of thanks was given to each of these brethren for their services.

The Especial Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the new Lodge room about two p.m. R.W. Bro. Viscount Ebrington, Provincial Grand Master, presided, supported by Bros. W. G. Rogers, J. Edward Curteis, Rev. Thomas Russell, Rev. L. H. Powys Maurice, J. E. Moon, J. Brewer, E. Furze, J. Harris Square, J. Russell Lord, John Lynn, W. C. Oliver, F. Hooper, P. L. Blanchard. In addition to these and the brethren who were at the Committee, there were also present, Bros. John Wood, A. Bradley, R. P. Morrison 281, W. C. Wallace 175, John Bickle 421, H. M. Burrows 489, G. Pollard 489, John Baxter 954, C. R. Jones 421, P. Rousham 1885, H. Ascot 489, J. C. Clark 489, Hon. J. S. Trefusis 112, J. Omer, and J. Crocker.

Upon the proposition of Lord Ebrington, it was unanimously resolved "That the P.G. Lodge desires to express its sympathy with Mrs. Huyshe in the loss she has sustained by the lamented death of the Rev. John Huyshe, M.A., &c., and to record, by some lasting memorial, the affectionate esteem in which the late P.P.G.M. was held by the Masons of Devonshire."

The W. Bro. Rogers then proposed—"That the P.G. Lodge desires to perpetuate the remembrance of the late P.P.G.M. by a memorial window in the Cathedral Church of the Diocese, and that a committee be appointed to collect subscriptions and make the necessary arrangements." He spoke of Bro. Huyshe as a Freemason, a clergyman, and a magistrate, and contended that there could be no better memorial than what he had suggested. He had authority for saying that the Dean and Chapter would consent to the erection of such a window, and he believed it would have the approval of Mrs. Huyshe.

Bro. S. Jones seconded the proposition, and said that in the recent restoration of the Exeter Cathedral the marks of Freemasons had been found on the old portions of the building, and it was therefore the place for a memorial of one of the best of Masons. There was no innovation, as similar windows had been placed in various parts of the country in Cathedrals.

Bro. Charles Godtschalk, in an able speech, observed that, taking up the debate from the motion of the Provincial Grand Master's words, to record, by some lasting memorial, the memory of their late Bro. Huyshe, would undoubtedly meet with the unanimous approval of the Province—were the Province polled from end to end. And not alone in the Province of Devon did this esteem and respect for the memory of our late brother exist—but many brethren outside and wide of Devon would only too cheerfully subscribe to a memorial to perpetuate that name. But was it not a question of great doubt whether a memorial window, as proposed by the D.P.G.M., was the most fitting form to perpetuate the memory of one so dearly and universally beloved as their late Bro. John Huyshe—a memorial window placed in a church, even if that church be the cathedral located in the capital town of the Province, was but a poor and antiquated form to hand down the name from one generation to another. My experience tells me that memorial windows, as a rule, are placed in an out of the way corner of a damp church. Seldom seen, and often forgotten, even before completion, or very shortly after, and record nothing. He believed the majority of the brethren of the Province would feel more satisfaction in subscribing to a memorial of a character in keeping with the active life and benevolence of Bro. Huyshe. He therefore suggested that the proposed memorial take the form of an endowment for a scholarship, to be called the Huyshe Scholarship, and that Scholarship be added to the Devon Educational Fund. This Scholarship would really perpetuate and keep green the name of Huyshe. Whenever this Scholarship was gained, the name of Huyshe would appear with it, and even outside the Order it would be asked, who was Huyshe? and the reply would be a good man, who was the Past Grand Master of the Masons of Devon, whose whole life was one of active benevolence, charity of heart and of pocket, a man totally free from all sectarian bias.

In illustration of this, take the action of Grand Lodge in commemorating the return of the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales from India. Certain brethren on the dais strongly advocated the money should be expended in adorning St. Paul's Cathedral, and in restoration of St. Alban's Abbey; but the sterling good sense of the body of Grand Lodge, some 600 to 700 strong, willed it otherwise, namely, that the return of H.R.H. should be commemorated by founding two *Lifeboats*. Brethren, one of those boats has since been placed on the coast of Devon, the other on the coast of Essex. Both have done good work—Masonic work in its truest sense—aiding suffering humanity in the time of need and peril. Surely this is a better outcome for our money than elaborating the Cathedral of St. Paul, and piling stones on St. Alban's Abbey.

In a like manner, therefore, will the Scholarship to be called the "Huyshe," if added to a local fund of charity that already is doing good in the Province, be the means of far more good than the memorial window proposed by the D.P.G.M. It not only will perpetuate the memory we hold dear, but be the best investment for our subscription to this fund.

Bro. J. E. Curteis proposed as an amendment that the question as to the form of the memorial be adjourned to the annual meeting of the P.G. Lodge. The few members present made it hardly a representative body in so a large a Province, and he was very doubtful whether the suggested window was the most advisable. Bro. Huyshe in his life had always been practical in his unbounded charity, and would it not be better to take the far more advantageous form of a Scholarship in connection either with the Devon Educational Fund or some other Masonic Charity?

Bro. Gover seconded the amendment. He did not think that at a meeting so small, and in a remote part of the Province, was either the time or the place to decide upon what form the memorial should take. There was no Freemason in the Province that would not assist, if they believed it would perpetuate the memory of so good a Mason as their revered late P.G. Master. He also suggested a Foundation Scholarship, and alluded to the fact of the grandfather of the present P.G. Master having his name handed down to posterity in connection with the Fortescue Annuity Fund, which was doing good service, and a very much more lasting memorial than a window which few would see. He was anxious that above all things the Province should be united in what they did, and should have time for consideration.

Bro. Moon supported the proposition, and thought the window was the best suggestion.

Bro. Bradie also supported the proposition.

The R.W. Prov. Grand Master said that as only about sixty brethren were present it would perhaps be advisable to defer the matter, but he suggested that in the interval the Masters of the different Lodges should ventilate the subject, and report to the Prov. Grand Secretary the members who were inclined to support either or any other scheme, and the amounts they were willing to subscribe. It might be found that both suggestions could be carried out.

The amendment was then carried.

The new Lodge, the Torridge, No. 1885, was then consecrated and constituted, the ceremony being ably performed by the Prov. Grand Master, with Bros. Rogers and Curteis.

The brethren then adjourned to the Globe Hotel for the banquet, which was very satisfactorily served.

After the banquet the Worshipful Master of the new Lodge was installed by Bros. W. G. Rogers, J. Linn, and J. Baxter. The first Master is W. Bro. Charles Richard Jones, and the Officers invested or appointed were Bros. P. Rousham S.W., Rev. W. C. Wallace J.W., F. Haberfield Treasurer, H. Mallett S.D., J. Hayley J.D., Dr. Norman D.C., S. Tapley I.G. The very inclement weather prevented a large number of brethren from attending.

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REVIEWS.

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The History of Freemasonry in the District of Malta, from the year 1800 *to the present time.* By W. Bro. A. M. Broadley, of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister-at-Law; P.M. 1717; W.M. 1835; P.D.D.G.M. Malta: P.G.M.M.M. for Tunis and Malta; P.G.M. of the Cryptic and Allied Masonic Degrees for Tunis and Malta; D. Intendant-General of the Red Cross for Malta and Tunis; P.G.C. and G.P. and P.P. Prelate and Chancellor K.T. and K.M. for the Mediterranean; and P.M.W.S. 18°. Published for the benefit of the District Benevolent Fund. London: George Kenning, "Freemason" Office, 198 Fleet-street, E.C. 1880.

We heartily welcome this latest addition to the history of our Society. The chief interest it will excite will, of necessity, be local in its character, but every Freemason will find it a labour of love to diligently study the clear and comprehensive narrative of Bro. Broadley. Had the materials at his disposal been ampler Bro. Broadley would, of course, have been enabled to write still more comprehensively; but the same obscurity would seem to prevail in Malta, as in other Provinces and Districts, as to the earlier doings of our Lodges. For instance, some five pages suffice for a sketch of "all that is known of Masonry in Malta prior to 1815," though a Lodge "called St. John's Lodge of Secrecy and Harmony, was constituted 30th March 1789, being then numbered 539." So writes our worthy Brother, quoting as his authority, Bro. Gould, and, continuing the quotation, he adds, "at the alteration of numbers in 1792 it became No 448, and was not carried forward on the Union Roll 1813." There are no other details about this Lodge to be found in the archives of Grand Lodge. Indeed, it would be very surprising if the said archives were able to throw any light on the early history of Masonry in these parts, seeing we are told in another note that neither this nor a Lodge No. 717, which was chartered in 1819, and died out about five years later, ever made any returns to Grand Lodge. However, Bro. Broadley has made the best possible use of the materials obtainable, and has wisely avoided the fault, which too many of our historic writers have committed, of supplying the lack of trustworthy detail out of the exuberant wealth of their own fertile imaginations.

Chapter I. is very brief, and as we have said already, five pages suffice for the sketch of Masonry in Malta prior to 1815. "Preston," says Bro. Broadley, "would have us believe that the Order of Malta became at a comparatively remote period the active protector of the Order of Masons," and that it rose again into esteem "under the patronage of the Masters and Fellows of the Order of St. John of Rhodes (now Malta), who assembled their Grand Lodge in 1500, and chose Henry"—that is our Henry VII.—"their protector." Our author, however, very properly points out that all the Knights of St. John as a corporation ever did before the Eighteenth Century was "to largely avail themselves of the operative Masonic guilds of the past in the erection and embellishment of their religious and civil buildings." When, however, in the early part of last century, the Modern or Speculative system of Masonry, was erected "on the remains, customs, and traditions" of those operative associations, the Knights Hospitaller of St. John showed a marked predilection for it. Boldly and precisely he lays it down that "there is really no actual connecting link between the 'Chivalric Order of St. John' and the 'Religious, Military, and Masonic Orders of the Hospital.' As the mediæval guilds of the past are related to the speculative Lodges of to-day, so is the Order of Malta (which to all intents and purposes ended in 1799) connected with the now-existing degree of Christian Masonry which bears its name,—the one a physical prototype; the other a moral adaptation. Craft Masonry has symbolised the practice and observance of working guilds, while the modern Masonic Orders of the Temple and the Hospital perpetuate in a similar manner the teachings and the tenets, the aim and the purpose, the actions and the achievements of the two most powerful celebrated religious confraternities which the world has ever seen." This is the view we have always taken as to the true character of the antiquity of Masonry. Freemasonry as a morality, with its peculiar symbolism and its special organisation, is of modern origin, erected on "the remains, customs, and traditions" of the operative guilds. But those guilds were the repositories of the scientific knowledge, as the monks were of the literary knowledge, which survived through the dark ages from the early centuries of the Christian era, and through them from the old-world civilization. In those dark ages the guilds and the monks worked harmoniously together in continuing the beneficent work of civilisation—that is, in perpetuating the teachings of religion and morality. Those teachings were necessarily, and—speaking literally in this instance—"as old as the hills." Thus, while the organisation of Masonry is purely modern, its principles are coeval with Time itself. They have taken different forms at different epochs. They were the "mysteries" of Egypt and the East generally, the "philosophies" of Greece and Rome, the "ethics" of every school that at one time or another has been founded for the purpose of teaching men their duty to God and each other: to attempt to establish more than this is to involve us all in ridicule. To proceed, however, with our task of considering the narrative of Bro. Broadley.

There were Masons in Malta before the date—1789—of the constitution of the first regular Masonic Lodge. Thus, the influence of the Papacy in the island was so great in the early half of last century, that "in 1740 the Grand Master of the Order"—of the Knights of Malta—"caused the Bull of Clement XII. to be published in that island, and forbade the meetings of the Freemasons. On this occasion several Knights and many citizens left the island, and in 1741 the Inquisition pursued the Freemasons at Malta. The Grand Master prescribed their assemblies under severe penalties, and six Knights were banished from the island in perpetuity for having assisted at a meeting." Papal anathemas, however, were powerless to oppose successfully the progress of our Society, and Bro. Broadley quotes the following from a MS. by the late Right Worshipful Bro. W. Rodwell Wright P.G.M. of Malta 1815-26:—"I have reason to believe that for a very considerable time after the settlement by the Knights of St. John in the island, they continued to patronise the system of Freemasonry, which being, like all other sciences at that period, chiefly indebted to ecclesiastics, was looked upon with much favour, and perhaps I might add, held in high estimation by the most distinguished characters of the Roman Catholic Church. I do not consider that the Order of Malta was necessarily connected with Freemasonry, nor, indeed, had any further connection with it than what was common to all the orders of chivalry, which, in their gradations and principles of union, bore such a striking resemblance to our institutions as, combined with the Oriental origin of those institutions, may fairly induce us to presume that they sprang originally from this root. I have no reason to believe that Masonry, either publicly or privately, formed any part of the initiation of the Knights of Malta." This is in accord with what we have said already as to the harmony that prevailed formerly between the guilds and the Church, while the further fact which the late Bro. Rodwell Wright mentions, that Grand Master Emmanuel di Rohan, who died in 1797, was a Mason, though not a member of a Lodge, shows what progress our Society must have made in the island in the teeth of Papal denunciations.

The first regular Lodge received its Warrant of Constitution from H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland, Grand Master, and is described by the late Bro. Wright as having been "a very numerous and respectable Lodge, almost exclusively confined to the Knights of the Order, who appear, however, to have adhered chiefly to the French ritual, and whose Lectures were delivered in that language." We are also informed on the same authority that "subsequently to the occupation of Malta by the English, a Lodge was established" there "by the French prisoners of war, in correspondence with the Grand Orient of Marseilles." Ultimately the few remaining members of this Lodge sought and received—in 1819—a Warrant of Constitution from the Grand Lodge of England as "Les Amis en Captivité," No. 717. It ceased working in 1824. It is these two Lodges which never made any returns to Grand Lodge. Of the latter of them, fortunately, some parchment certificates have been preserved. From one dated 25th October 1812, in the French language, it appears the Lodge was then described as "the respectable Lodge of St. John, bearing the distinctive name of Les Amis en Captivité and worked at Città Vecchia." It attests that Bro. Ignatius Vidal had taken the third degree, and also that at the time "Bro. H. Aubin was Hon. W.M., Bro. Vardier W.M., Bro. Danesmil S.W., and Bro. Lombard J.W. It was signed by sixteen brethren, and two of the signatures are followed by Masonic marks." On the back of this, says Bro. Broadley, "is a certificate engrossed on the 20th December 1812, to the effect that "the Soveriegn Princes of the Valley of Toulon had conferred on the same Brother the 18th degree of the Scottish Rite." *This is* signed by Bros. P. Pensa and H. Aubin." The second certificate, dated 16th March 1814, was issued by Lodge Parfaite Union, and attests that a Bro. Nicholas Ataglioti "had been perfected a S.P.R.C. and Knight of St. Andrew, the M.S.W. being Pietro Pensa; but whether this was "a separate Masonic body or the Chapter attached to the Lodge Amis en Captivité is not certain." The third certificate, dated 11th May 1816, and like the two preceding, in the French language, attests that the third degree had been conferred on the same Nicholas Ataglioti. This emanates from the Lodge Les Amis en Captivité, and is described as being "surrounded by an elaborate drawing in water-colours of the columns of the temple, surmounted by the sun, moon, and stars. The seal is circular, attached by a blue ribbon, and inscribed 'L. Amis en Captivité Or. Ile de Malthe, 36 Deg. de Lat.' In the centre is a triangle, having the Ark of the Covenant in the middle surmounted by the All-Seeing Eye, with a square and compass extended beneath its base. The triangle is surrounded by a circle, from which seven points, forming a star, extend towards the circumference of the seal. Between each of these points is a five-pointed star." The Officers named on this are Bros. L. Nani W.M., Jean André Roediger S.W., and J. A. Hockkofter J.W. The fourth certificate, dated 25th December 1820, is to the effect "that Bro. Ignatius André Vidal had fulfilled, with honour to himself, the posts of D. of C. and J. W.," in the Lodge. This is surrounded by a border of Acacia, the seal being attached by a red ribbon, edged with green, and covered with green stars. "In the centre of the upper portion is the All-Seeing Eye with a wreath of lilies on one side and of acacias on the other." The endorsement gives the number of the Lodge as 716. "The W.M. at the time was a Bro. R. Stevens, and of the thirteen officers signing it "*four described themselves as 'Knights of the Templar and Malta.'*" The number "716" is also given in the minute books of the Lodge of St. John and St. Paul—the oldest existing Lodge in the District, when certain members of the now defunct Lodge visited it.

No history of Freemasonry in Malta would be acceptable which did not contain a tolerably full sketch of the late Bro. Walter Rodwell Wright, and accordingly Bro. Broadley devotes his second chapter to so much of that brother's career as preceded his arival in Malta. From this, we gather that Bro. Wright joined the Prince of Wales Lodge, then No. 412, on the 18th December 1801; but whether this was his first introduction into the Society or not does not appear. Three years later he was elected Grand Master of the Order of the Red Cross in England, being described at the time as "a most distinguished Mason, and a personal friend of the Dukes of Kent and Sussex. In 1807, the former Royal Duke having executed a Warrant for the revival of "The Knights of the exalted Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and Holy Sepulchre of St. John of Jerusalem," Bro. Wright was elected Grand Master on the 12th April. This post he continued to hold till 6th August 1812, when he resigned in favour of His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex. He was present on the memorable 27th of January 1813, when the Earl of Moira Pro G.M., who was under orders to leave

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England for India, was presented with a magnificent jewel in recognition of his valuable services to the Order. He took a prominent part in connection with the union of Ancients and Moderns, his name following that of the Duke of Sussex as one of the signatories, on behalf of the Moderns, to the articles of Union, dated 1st December 1813. He was also present at the Lodge of Reconciliation, and the first meeting of the United Grand Lodge, on 27th December, when an ode written by him was recited and formed a prominent feature of the day's proceedings. A somewhat similar effusion is published in this volume. It is entitled, "Ode for the Installation of His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent and Strathearn as Grand Master of Masons of England, according to the old Institutions, on Wednesday, the 1st December, 1813. Set to music by Bro. Kelley," and Bro. Wright is said to have been "the joint author." The concluding portion reads thus:—

Recit. And, do we not behold the dawn
Of purer skies, and brighter days,
When Masonry's unclouded blaze
With threefold light shall shine?
When all (to one grand temple drawn,
Our slightly-differing forms revised,
And little jealousies despised)
In unity combine.

Duet. For see! from heaven the peaceful dove
With olive branch descend!
Augustus shall with Edward join
All rivalry to end;
And taught by their fraternal love,
Our arms our hearts shall intertwine,
The union to approve.

Full piece. Then, Edward and Augustus, hail!
For now beneath the Brunswick line,
One system shall prevail.
O'er all the earth, with truths divine,
Shall Masonry extend its sway,
Till time itself shall pass away,
In unity to shine.

Chor. Then, brothers, hail the kind decree
That gave them both to Masonry!

Our readers will remember that the late Duke of Kent was installed Grand Master of the Ancients with the express object of bringing about the union of that body with the Grand Lodge of the Moderns. This, of course, explains the references to the part played by the Royal Dukes in that grand event. The year following Bro. Wright left England for Malta, in order to take up the appointments of President of His Majesty's Court of Appeal and Senior Member of the Supreme Council of Justice of that island. From his arrival may be said to date the history of modern Freemasonry in Malta.

(To be continued).

Stevens's Masonic Map and Directory for 1881 *of Lodges and Chapters in England and Wales.* London: Edward Stanford, 55 Charing Cross, S.W., and all Booksellers. Price 1s; coloured 1s 6d; stout sheets 2s 6d; coloured and mounted 3s 6d.

We are very much pleased with this Map, and the pains which have evidently been bestowed on its compilation. It shows at a glance the locality of every Lodge and Chapter in the Metropolis and Provinces the numbers being used to indicate the whereabouts of the former, an asterisk being added in the case of those which have Chapters attached to them. Smaller maps are given for Manchester and District, the Thames Valley, the Metropolitan District, and the area extending for a radius of one mile and a-quarter from Freemasons' Hall. It is a pity, however, Bro. Stevens has followed Grand Lodge Calendar as to days of meeting. It is hardly worth while repeating other people's inaccuracies, and it is well known that Grand Lodge Calendar contains very many, only a small portion of which could have been avoided. In all other respects the Directory answers its purpose. We may add that the Map is an admirable specimen of Mr. Edward Stanford's Chartography.

FESTIVITIES AT KENDAL.

THE Brethren and Companions of the Union Lodge and the Kendal Castle Chapter have for some years past celebrated their annual festival on the same day, and this year was no exception. On Friday last, at the Masonic Hall, Stramongate, a goodly number of the members of the Craft assembled to do honour to the occasion. The Chapter met first, and after the usual routine business, the Principals elect, Comps. Nelson, Godfrey, and Bell, were installed according to ancient custom by Ex. Comp. John Bowes P.Z. P.P.G.S.N., to whom a cordial vote of thanks was tendered by acclamation. At five o'clock the Craft Lodge met, and was largely attended. In the absence of the W.M (Bro. F. Watson), through domestic bereavement, the Lodge was opened by Bro. McKay P.M. P.G.S.W., assisted by the various Officers. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, and the Lodge opened in the second degree, the acting W.M. invited Bro. Bowes P.M. P.P.J.W. to take the chair as Installing Master. Bro. McKay then presented Bro. J. H. Hogg S.W., W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation, and the ceremony was performed in an able and impressive manner. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Master for present and past services. The addresses to the Wardens and Brethren were then delivered. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, where a most enjoyable evening was spent under the genial presidency of the newly installed W.M.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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NEPTUNE LODGE, No 22.

THE annual installation meeting in connection with this Lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, on Thursday, 27th ultimo, when there was a very numerous and influential attendance, under the presidency of the retiring W. Master, Bro. Thomas F. Collings. Amongst those present were:—Bros. George Britton S.W. and Master-Elect, James Harper J.W., Isaac Wilcox P.M. Treasurer, T. R. Eames P.M. Hon. Secretary, W. Ashwill I.P.M., James Norman P.M., E. F. Storr P.M., G. Waterall P.M., O. C. Sargeant I.G., Henry Povey, Robert W. Coulcher, H. F. Griffin (Master of Fan Makers' Company), Thomas Whiting, Joseph Corbett, B. Peart, W. Cook, John Frost, Mark Hubbard, W. J. E. Crane, B. Peart jun., J. Miller, W. H. Keen, E. J. Jolliffe, J. J. Slater, J. Parkinson Tyler. Visitors—Bros. Sir John Bennett P.G. Steward, William Winnett 59, the Rev. J. Jackson Wray Past Provincial Chaplain Middlesex, W. J. Dickson 27, John F. Stone 1033 (Fremantle, West Australia), P. Müller 73, J. Davies 1309, G. P. Britton P.M. 183, C. Jenkinson 1657, W. Greaves, and T. M. Norman (late of the Neptune Lodge). The usual formalities having been gone through, Bro. George Britton was presented as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and having expressed his willingness to accept the responsibility, a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and he was duly installed and greeted with the customary salutations. Bro. Britton then invested his Officers for the year as follows:—Bro. Thomas F. Collings I.P.M., Bro. John Harper S.W., Bro. John J. Slater J.W., Bro. Isaac Wilcox P.M. Treasurer, Bro. Thomas R. Eames P.M. Hon. Secretary, Bro. Henry Povey S.D., Bro. Robert Walpole Coulcher J.D., Bro. William Cook I.G., Bro. Edward F. Storr P.M. D.C., Bro. William Neats W.S., and Bro. J. Parkinson Tyler. The ballot was then prepared for Mr. Edward Stanton Hopper, of No. 34, Mornington Crescent, N.W., who had been proposed by the Worshipful Master elect, and seconded by Bro. Edward F. Storr P.M. The voting was unanimous, and Mr. Hopper was initiated into the privileges and mysteries of the Order by the newly-installed Worshipful Master in a style which may have surprised some who had, a short time ago been disposed to call in question the administrative abilities of "Little Britton." The ceremony was performed in a manner which must have convinced the brethren and visitors that the newly-elected Worshipful Master has judgment to discern and ability to execute the functions of his exalted office, and we are bound to congratulate Bro. Britton upon the success which attended his *debut*. Two notices of motion affecting the bye-laws, by Bros. E. F. Storr P.M. and J. Harper J.W. respectively, were adjourned till the next meeting, and the report of the Audit Committee having been received and adopted, Lodge was closed in form. Subsequently the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided in Messrs. Ritter and Clifford's best style. Bro. J. Marcham acted as toastmaster. At the conclusion of the repast the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, after which the Worshipful Master proposed "The Lord Mayor and Corporation of the City of London," the toast being heartily received, and responded to by Bro. Sir John Bennett P.G. Steward, who alluded in eloquent terms to the increasing numbers and influence of the Craft, and the extension of its cultivating powers. He expressed the hope that the Corporation of this great city might prove itself not unworthy of being associated with such a toast as had just been proposed. The Immediate Past Master, in proposing the toast of the evening, the "Health of the newly-installed W. Master," said the gavel had been placed in his hands on this occasion to propose a toast which he was sure would be received with the utmost sincerity and cordiality. Since they last met, he (the speaker) had gone down slightly in his position, but the honour of proposing this toast fully reconciled him to the place he now occupied. Then Bro. Britton was one in whom they would all take great pride and delight as the Worshipful Master of the Neptune Lodge, for he was thoroughly master of his work, and what was still more important, he had every confidence in his working. To add to all, he had a first-class lot of Officers about him; and with all these elements of success they might confidently look forward to a happy and successful year of office. In asking their acceptance of the toast, he wished for Bro. Britton long life and every happiness. The Worshipful Master, who was loudly cheered on rising to acknowledge the compliment paid him, said, If their Bro. Past Master Collings felt awkward in the position he held that night, they might readily imagine his bashfulness when called upon to respond to this important toast. However, he candidly admitted that he had looked forward to the proud position he now held ever since he entered the ancient and honourable Institution of Freemasonry. When he had the good fortune to mention to Bro. Storr that he should like to belong to Freemasonry, and asked that brother to propose him for the privilege of being admitted into the Neptune Lodge, he thought with their number of members it would take him a long time to work up to the chair of W.M., but he was determined to persevere, and, if possible, to attain the object of his ambition. He was only very pleased to have been thought worthy of being elected to that position, for he always considered the chair of the Neptune Lodge had been well filled; he never recollected one who had not done the work efficiently. That was a point which he must look to, for he felt it was of no use his aspiring to such an office unless he was prepared to emulate the example of those who had preceded him. He should endeavour to carry out the duties of his office with assiduity and earnestness, and thus hand down the insignia to his successor with lustre untarnished. They could never have work done too perfectly, and he could only trust that no blemish would rest on his exertions during the coming year. Before sitting down he begged to propose the health of the initiate. He could only congratulate the Lodge upon such an accession to their numbers as they had received that night. Bro. E. S. Hopper briefly responded. In the course

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of his remarks he thanked the brethren for the kindly welcome they had accorded him, and expressed the hope that he might become an apt scholar of the beautiful principles which were embodied in Freemasonry, and at which he had that evening been permitted a first glimpse. The W.M. next proposed the Masonic Charities, associating with the toast the name of Bro. Edward F. Storr P.M., who had not only spent large sums of money, but a vast amount of time and labour in promoting the welfare of those Institutions, which were a pride to the Craft and to the nation. Bro. E. F. Storr P.M., who was loudly cheered, thanked the company most heartily for the manner in which the toast had been received, although he did not lay claim to all the eulogiums which had been so kindly attached to his name. He could only attribute it to the hearty feeling of the brethren, whose hearts were stirred by the mere mention of those noble Charities, of whom they were justly so proud. He congratulated Bro. Britton upon the high and honourable position to which he had that day been elected; and if their present W.M. enjoyed as happy and prosperous a year as he (Bro. Storr) did when he filled that chair he might indeed have reason to consider himself a fortunate individual. So far as the Masonic Charities were concerned, he could only reiterate the sentiments they had so often heard him express—might God speed them. He felt peculiar pride in seeing Bro. Britton occupying the chief position in his mother Lodge: into which he had the pleasure of introducing him; he was one whom he knew would do honour to the Craft, and who would fill the chair with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. For himself, he was rather proud of the appellation "Charity Storr," and if he had in any way served their noble Institutions in the past, he trusted the G.A.O.T.U. would spare him to continue in the same path of duty for many years to come. While he remained a member of the Lodge, the Charities he hoped would ever be represented, and he felt they ever should be so far as he was concerned. No one could visit the Boys' or Girls' Schools but must come away better than he went, for they must all recognise the fact that the children who received the benefits of those Institutions received such an education as not only fitted them to earn a livelihood and a position in life, but it also proved a comfort and a blessing to them in their declining years. With regard to the Benevolent Institution they saw it providing a shelter in old age to those who had occupied better positions in life, but who, "through unforeseen circumstances of calamity and misfortune had been reduced to the lowest depths of poverty and distress." Hence they sought a home and shelter in the winter of their old age in an Institution which the brethren were helping to support; and who could tell but that—happy and prosperous as they were at present—some of those present might be grateful to spend the autumn of their lives in such a noble Institution as that? Therefore, he said, while they had health and strength, whilst God gave them the means to do so, let them not dispense their charity with sparing hand, but let it be done with that liberality and generosity which were characteristic of a Freemason's heart. He said, as a Freemason, they did not do enough for these charitable institutions—they did not give a paltry 8s a-piece all round. If all Masons would but give 5s a year each they would not need the Annual Festivals, because such funds would be sufficient for all purposes. If they all subscribed a guinea a-year what a grand and noble thing it would be for the Masonic Charities. He hoped when he went round amongst them on behalf of the Boys' School they would not send him empty away, and he was sure they would not. Might God speed and bless those Institutions, and might the autumn days of those who helped them be days of pleasantness and peace; and when they left this sublunary sphere might they be received into the Grand Lodge above, and enjoy the reward which was there being prepared for them by the Great Architect of the Universe. The Worshipful Master then, in felicitous terms, proposed the health of the Past Masters, in doing which he said he should be glad if the brethren would enable him to take up a good list, in the name of the Neptune Lodge, on behalf of the Charity which he had the honour to represent as a Steward at the next anniversary. The Past Masters of this Lodge were first-rate men and thorough Masons, who had brought the Lodge to the high position it now enjoyed in the Craft. He considered this was the best Lodge in the Order, and he should use his humble endeavours to promote its best interests, so that it might continue to uphold the prestige it had hitherto enjoyed. The Immediate Past Master briefly but suitably acknowledged the toast. The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Visitors," of whom he was glad to see so goodly a company present. The toast was cordially received. Bro. G. P. Britton P.M. of the Unity Lodge 183, in responding said, speaking from a long and varied experience, he never saw the Ritual more beautifully or efficiently performed than he had done to-night. He thanked them for the welcome they had extended towards the visitors, and felt assured they had done so in the true spirit of Freemasonry. The Worshipful Master next gave the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, with thanks to them for their past efficient services. Bro. T. R. Eames P.M. Hon. Secretary regretted the unavoidable absence of his esteemed colleague, Bro. Isaac Wilcox, but assured the brethren that they, in common with the rest of the Officers, would continue to exert their utmost endeavours in promoting the welfare of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master then gave the Officers and Prosperity to the Lodge, the toast being heartily received. Bros. J. Harper S.W. and John J. Slater J.W. responded in a few happily chosen sentences; and the Tyler's toast closed the official programme. The proceedings of the evening were enlivened by some excellent vocal and instrumental music, amongst the former being capitally rendered songs, by Bro. Henry Poovey, "Quips the Quaker" and "Oh, Sophia;" Bro. Mark Hubbard, "Polly" and "The Village Blacksmith;" Bro. Harper, "The Sapper Brigade" and "Over the Garden Wall;" Bro. G. M. Vane, "Jack's Yarn" and "Drink, puppy drink;" Bro. W. Winnett, "The Thorn" and "Will o' the Wisp," &c. The evening was most pleasantly spent, amidst a prevailing element of harmony and fraternal feeling.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 70.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge, No. 70, was held on 1st Feb., at the Huyshe Temple, Plymouth, and was the first meeting held since the Provincial Grand Lodge at Torrington, when it was resolved to record, by some lasting memorial, the affectionate esteem in which the late P.P.G.M. was held by the Masons of Devonshire. From a circular just issued by the Provincial Grand Secretary, the Lodges are invited by the P.G.M. to decide, not later than April, what, in their opinion, is the best form of memorial, and what amount Lodges and individual Masons would subscribe. Bro. Godtschalk, after relating what took place in the Provincial Grand Lodge at Torrington on Thursday last, explained to the brethren his remarks at that meeting conveyed the only distinct suggestion as against the proposed memorial window, namely, his idea that a Scholarship, to be called the "Huyshe Scholarship," added to the Devon Educational Fund now in existence, and doing real good work, would be a far more fitting mode to perpetuate the memory of one so dearly beloved as the late Bro. John Huyshe. He, therefore, moved the following resolution:—"That this Lodge, St. John's, No. 70, devote the sum of fifteen guineas to the proposed memorial to the memory of our late D.P.G.M., if that fund is to form a Scholarship called the Huyshe Scholarship, in connection with the Devon Masonic Educational Fund for educating and clothing children of deceased or distressed Masons of the Province of Devon." This was seconded by the Worshipful Bro. L. D. Westcott, the Treasurer, supported by Bro. J. B. Gover the Secretary, and carried; and before the next meeting no doubt a large amount will be subscribed by the members. There was a full attendance of brethren of this old Lodge.—*Plymouth Daily Mercury.*

JORDAN LODGE, No. 201.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge took place on Friday, 21st ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on which occasion Bro. Payn was installed as W.M., and the following brethren were invested as Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. Wallis S.W., Dovey J.W., Davage Treas., Robinson Sec., Fox S.D., Simpson J.D., Dunkeley I.G. Bro. Hyland, the outgoing Master, officiated as Installing Master, and performed the task most satisfactorily. Previous to closing the Lodge the newly-appointed W.M. presented to his predecessor a handsome P.M.'s jewel, which had been voted by the members of the Lodge as a mark of their appreciation of the efforts of Bro. Hyland during his presidency of the Lodge. Bro. Hyland tendered his sincere thanks to the brethren for this further mark of their satisfaction, and assured them that he considered it a much greater honour to have filled the chair of the Lodge than to be the fortunate recipient of any reward for the duty he had fulfilled. He hoped he should live for many years and have frequent opportunities of being present at the meetings of the Jordan Lodge, where he should with pride wear the jewel just presented him as evidence that he had given satisfaction during his year of office. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a most enjoyable evening was spent. The W.M., at the conclusion of the banquet, gave the customary loyal toasts. Bro. Hyland proposed that of the W.M. He felt that Bro. Payn would prove himself a worthy representative of K.S., and that he would carry out the duties of the chair to the credit of the Lodge and the satisfaction of himself. His unanimous selection had proved the feeling with which he was looked upon in the Lodge, and he had no fear that he would do anything which would lead the brethren to regret the choice they had made. The W.M. felt there was little he could say in answer to the glowing accounts given of him by his I.P.M. He hoped to be able to carry out the duties of the office both to the satisfaction of the brethren and himself. He next gave the toast of the Visitors, to which each replied. In response to the toast of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Hyland suitably replied. In giving the health of the Past Masters, the Worshipful Master referred to the progress made by the Lodge, that progress was of course due to the ability displayed by the brethren who had in the past filled the chair, and he had little doubt but that whenever occasion offered they would be as ready to help the Lodge as they had been in the past. Bro. Smith replied to this toast. There were so many new faces around him that he could hardly recognise the Lodge, still he could not forget that it was the Old Jordan, and as such was deserving of the greatest regard from all connected with it. He referred to many worthy brethren who had emanated from it, and trusted that its future career would be as glorious as was its past history. To the toast of the Charities Bro. Hyland responded, he being a Steward for the approaching Festival of the Benevolent Institution. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was next given, the W.M. briefly referring to the care they each bestowed in the discharge of their respective duties, and expressed a hope that the Lodge would long be benefitted by their assistance. Bros. Robinson and Davage having replied, the toast of the Officers was given and acknowledged, after which the proceedings terminated.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—A meeting was held at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on 27th January. Present—Bros. H. E. Tucker W.M., G. Coop S.W., J. Green J.W., C. E. Porter S.D., W. Seward J.D., J. Wells I.G. Bros. T. Wilkinson Lodge No. 115, Ceylon, T. Smith, S. Smout jun., W. Nye, and Acworth. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. After all formalities had been observed, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. T. Smith candidate. Lodge was closed in third degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, with the same brother as candidate. The Lodge was resumed to first degree, and Bro. S. Smout jun. volunteered as a candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. T. Wilkinson of Leinster Lodge, No. 115 Irish Constitution, Ceylon, was elected a member. Bro. G. Coop was appointed W.M. for the next meeting.

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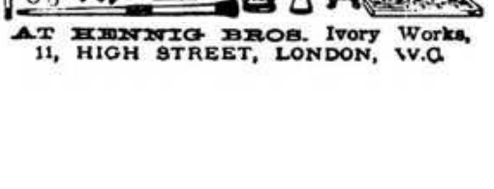
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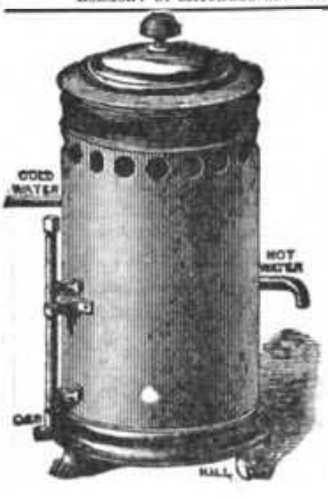
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George Lewison P.M. of the British Lodge E.C., and P.M. of Lodge Friendship S.C. As a matter of form the W.M. elect was presented by Bros. D. C. Smith and Tennant 32 deg. After investiture, the brethren present, led by Bro. P. M. Rickwood, formed in procession and saluted according to ancient custom. In thanking the brethren for their attendance and support, the newly-installed Master expressed his gratitude to the members of the Independent Lodge for the unanimity with which he had been elected to the chair. He could only assure them that during his tenure of office he should do his best to promote the interests of the Lodge in particular and Freemasonry in general. He liked Freemasonry, and was one of those who believed its teachings rendered men better husbands, better fathers, and better members of society. The longer he lived, the more he believed in Freemasonry, and if his thirty-five years' experience of the Craft had tended to impress him more and more with the beauties of its teachings, it had also shewn him that he had yet much to learn. He had always been struck by the words used in the Installation Ceremony, viz.: "Forcibly impress upon them the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry." It sought to bring together men of all political professions and every religious creed, wean them from their isolation, their selfishness and their sins, and unite them together for their common good. Wherever he turned his eye it fell upon some object—some emblem—associated with the Craft, reminding him of some virtue he ought to pursue. In that sense, Freemasonry had helped him on in the path of life. If, as Freemasons, they put that principle into ordinary practice, and carried into daily life duties they were taught in Lodge, they would be making daily progress not only in Freemasonry, but in every social virtue. He could assure them that, as Master of the Lodge, it would be his earnest endeavour to discharge his duties with fervency and zeal. In accepting that position he considered himself in the light of a Priest of the best and noblest system of morality, and not the President of a merely social Order. There were laid upon them certain duties and reponsibilities towards each other, and from his knowledge of the brethren he felt certain that those duties would be well and worthily performed. In conclusion, he might be permitted to hope that the Great Architect of the Universe would continue to cement together, and adorn their Order, with every social, moral and intellectual virtue, and endow them individually with such wisdom as would enable them to carry out the trust reposed in them in such a manner as would redound to His Glory and the credit of the Order. They would thus become better Masons, better men, and better brothers, united more closely, hand to hand, heart to heart. Finally, he trusted that he should be spared to hand over to his successor their Charter pure and unsullied as he had received it from the hands of his dear Worshipful Brother Rickwood. It only remained for him to thank the Installing Master for the very efficient manner in which he had carried out his duties. The appointment and investiture of Officers then took place, as follows:—Bros. Rickwood I.P.M., Graves S.W., De Perindorge J.W., Asher Sec., Leblanc Treas., Jones I.G., Arnaud Tyler. The W.M. next presented W. Bro. Rickwood with a very handsome jewel, subscribed for by members of the Lodge in appreciation of his services during his two years occupancy of the chair. In acknowledging the receipt of this gift, Bro. Rickwood said it afforded him much pleasure in being able to believe that his feeble services had been appreciated. He had not done so well as he could have wished, and even that little would have been impossible without their hearty co-operation. The emblem which had just been placed upon his breast would be worn by him with gratification and pride, a memento of pleasant associations; and when he should no longer exist, it would be looked upon by his children, and would be an incentive towards their achievements. Initiated in 1859, he had in succession filled every office in a Lodge, passed the chair of the Mauritius Lodge of Harmony in 1867, was installed in the chair of the Independent Lodge in 1878, and, having been so much before them, it was gratifying to feel that he had throughout retained their confidence and good will. He thought, however, he might venture to say that he had done his duty as a Freemason. As Master, he had enforced strict obedience to the Rules of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and had maintained the ancient regulations and landmarks of the Order. He observed with regret the systematic enmity that had been shown towards that Lodge. Such a feeling was not only unbecoming the dignity of their ancient Order; it was also unworthy of Freemasons, and contrary to the solemn and sacred obligations into which they had entered. He would fraternally enjoin upon all present to read as often as possible the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE and other works on the beauties of their ancient Craft. Indeed he would go so far as to recommend the formation of a Freemasons' Library. He would conclude by expressing a fervent hope that it might please the Great Architect of the Universe to remove from the hearts of Freemasons in this island the feelings which produced so much mischief amongst them, and led to constant bickerings between the brethren, who, instead of raising the Craft to its proper level, lowered it in the eyes of the uninitiated. The Lodge was then closed in Love, Peace, and Harmony, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to the splendid banqueting room of the Lodge La Paix. Here a sumptuous repast was served by Bro. Corbett.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Peace and Harmony Lodge.—A meeting was held at De Toits Pan, on Wednesday, 5th January. Officers present:—C. Roberts W.M., D. Van Ulsen D.M., B. Klisser S.W., E. Isaacs Hon. Sec., A. Yockmonitz Treasurer, W. Kuipers Arch., H. N. Campbell acting I.G., S. W. Green Tyler. There was a good attendance of brethren, and a large muster of visitors. Lodge opened in first degree, when the Hon. Sec. read the minutes of previous meetings, which were confirmed. A letter was read from the D.D. Grand Sec. acknowledging, with thanks, the receipt of £19 1s, being the sum voted by the Lodge to Rev. Bro. Stenson, Chaplain to the Field Forces serving in Basutoland. The W.M. informed the brethren that they had met, as the circular announced, for the purpose of passing Bros. Alfred Cohen and W. H. Lomas to the degree of Fellow Craft. The candidates having answered the questions satisfactorily retired, when the Lodge was advanced; they were re-admitted and duly passed as Fellow Crafts by the W.M. Labour being ended in the second degree, Lodge was reduced, when an application was read from Mr. Frank Murray Campbell to become a Freemason. The W.M. instructed the Secretary to have his name inserted in next notice of meeting. Certificate (M.M.) was granted to Bro. C. J. Barnes. Labour being ended, Lodge closed, and the brethren departed in peace and harmony.

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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

THE February Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. Samuel Rawson presided as M.E.Z., Comp. J. A. Rucker as H., and Comp. James Glaisher as J. The other Comps. present were Colonel H. Shadwell H. Clerke S.E., J. Lewis Thomas as S.N., R. R. Davis as P.S., R. F. Gould 1st Asst. Sojourner, Frank Richardson 2nd Asst. Sojourner, Lieut.-Col. John Creaton Grand Treasurer, Scott, J. M. Case, Magnus Ohren D.C., Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney Standard Bearer, Joshua Nunn, H. J. P. Dumas, H. G. Buss, Thomas Fenn, J. C. Parkinson, E. Letchworth P.Z. 1237, Rev. Ambrose W. Hall Z. 778, W. H. Lee P.Z. 1624, E. Kidman H. 742, Neville Green Z. 1524, William Dodd P.Z. 1194, James Shilcock Z. 403, H. Massey P.Z. 619, W. H. Perryman Z. 1346, Charles Frederick Hogard J. 10 H. 142, H. Sadler Z. 169, E. West H. 13, and J. D. Collier J. 749. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Warrants were granted in conformity with the petitions that appeared in our issue of last week.

CANONBURY CHAPTER, No. 955.

A CONVOCATION of this Chapter was convened on Thursday evening last, at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, when there were present—Comps. T. H. Thomas M.E.Z., Thomas E. Taylor P.Z. acting as H., E. Legg J., H. J. Reynolds Scribe E., Thomas Cox Scribe N., W. George P.S., E. J. Altman 1st Assist. Soj., Thomas Vincent 2nd Assist. Soj., Fred. J. Cox Treasurer, F. G. Willett, C. F. May, Samuel G. Grimbley, W. B. Stannard, T. A. Bullock, Frank Williams, and R. Potter Janitor. Visitor—Comp. Henry H. Whale 813. Bros. T. A. Bullock and Frank Williams were exalted, the working of the M.E.Z. and his Officers being much admired. At the conclusion of the Chapter, the brethren partook of a *recherché* banquet, provided in excellent style by Messrs. Wood and Romain, whose arrangements gave unqualified satisfaction. The usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were honoured, and amidst an abundance of good music a pleasant evening was spent.

ZETLAND CHAPTER, No. 236, YORK.

THE Annual Meeting for election of Principals and Officers took place, on Wednesday, with the following result:—Comps. G. Halmford Z., J. M. Meek H., A. Buckle J., J. Todd P.Z. Treas., G. Kirby S.E., M. Rooke S.N., W. H. Gainforth P.S. After the close of the Chapter, the Companions met at an excellent supper, and the evening was enlivened by singing and toasts.

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GRAND CHAPTER OF THE PROVINCE OF HAMPSHIRE.

THE annual meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, Winchester, on Friday, 28th ult., the M.E. Provincial Grand Superintendent (Comp. W. W. Beach, M.P.) presiding. After the transaction of the usual routine business, the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were invested in the following order:—Comps. W. Hickman 130 H., Moore 76 J., Le Feuvre 394 Scribe E., E. S. Main 903 Scribe N., G. A. Green 309 Prin. Soj., Weeks 804 1st Assist. Soj., G. Bond 487 2nd Assist. Soj., M. E. Frost 487 Treas., Richardson 1331 Registrar, R. W. Mitchell 903 Sword Bearer, Hobbs 359 Standard Bearer, E. Groves 309 D.C., R. W. Downing 903 Org., Biggs 130, and Exell 487 Janitors.

Joppa Chapter, No. 188.—A convocation was held on the 31st ult., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, Comps. L. Lazarus M.E.Z., W. A. Gulliford H., H. P. Isaac J., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treas., N. Baum S.E., Buderus S.N., J. Davis First Assist., Hawkins Second Assist. P.Z.'s S. M. Lazarus, E. P. Albert, S. V. Abraham, M. J. Emanuel, H. M. Levy, P. Dickinson I.P.Z. W. Littaur, and Comps. Brall, Dewsnap, Hobinstock, G. Ellis, Davis, Howard, Hawkins, Rev. S. M. Harris, A. J. Henochsberg, J. S. Lyon. Chapter was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The M.E.Z. rehearsed the ceremony, the Companions and Visitors listening with great pleasure. The H. and J. ably assisted the M.E.Z. Comp. Cohen, of Smyrna, was proposed as a joining member. Chapter was then closed. A banquet followed, and the Companions spent a very pleasant hour together.

DEATH.

STEPHENS.—On the 29th ult., at 17 Walden-street, Stepney, E., CHARLOTTE ELIZABETH, the beloved Wife of Bro. G. H. STEPHENS, after a long and painful illness.

MASONIC CONCERT AT PLYMOUTH.

ON Wednesday, 26th ult., a concert in aid of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was given under distinguished patronage at the Guildhall, Plymouth. The wretched state of the weather militated greatly against the success of the concert; but few of the patrons were present, and the large hall was only partially filled. Notwithstanding the doors being carefully closed, the atmosphere therefrom was much colder than those ladies and gentlemen who had come in evening dress could have desired. The front of the platform was most tastefully decorated with beautiful plants and ferns, kindly lent by Mr. William Derry, and arranged by his gardener, Mr. Cox, and some Masonic banners, suspended from the pillars, also aided in giving a cheerful appearance to the hall. Mr. Hele—in Masonic parlance, a Wor. Bro. and P.P.G.O. of Cornwall—conducted, accompanied the songs and played with admirable spirit a march at the opening of the concert. Mr. Binding, of course also a Brother, bandmaster of H.M.S. Royal Adelaide, led his band, and in the three selections that fell to their share, a "Minuet and Finale," from Haydn's Symphony in G, the overture to Beethoven's "Prometheus," and a "Serenade" and "Gavotte," by Desormes and Kottaun, conducted. Bro. Michael Rice of Torquay, played excellently two violin solos, selections from Bach and Spohr, and by his masterly performance called forth much applause. Mr. Fly, well-known to all Plymothians, gave a cornet solo, "Cleopatra," by Damare, though from the prominent part the organ took in the accompaniment it might well have been called a duet. A Masonic choir sang a Madrigal and Chorus Song, and were well applauded, and in the second part gave a humorous part song—"A Franklyn's Dogge," by Mackenzie, with which, however, we were not so much struck. Wor. Bro. J. Lovell, of Penzance, sang "The Diver;" J. Rendle, Campanas's "The Smuggler;" and N. B. Bullen, of Truro, "Let me like a Soldier Fall." That they all sang carefully and well, it is hardly necessary to say, and their efforts were much appreciated. We have left until last any notice of the two ladies—Miss Sarah Mear, of Wadebridge, soprano; and Miss Coyte Turner (a Modbury lady, we understand), contralto, of the Royal Albert Hall and London Ballad Concerts. Though an announcement was made that in consequence of the unusual length of the programme no encores would be permitted, the rule broke under the continued applause of the audience, and both ladies were encored. Miss Mear first gave "Beloved Again," A. Barri, with great spirit and good taste, and in reality secured an encore. In the second part, Molloy's "Kerry Dance" provoked another decided encore, which she responded to by singing "Home Sweet Home," a song which, though we have heard as an encore so many times that we dread the sound of it, we feel bound to say she sang unusually well. Miss Turner secured the sympathy of her audience directly she opened her mouth. With a fine voice, peculiarly rich in some notes, she united an easy and graceful manner and utterance, and both her solos were loudly encored. To the first, "St. Roman's Eve," by Lacy, with organ accompaniment, she responded with Sullivan's beautiful song, "The Chorister," and to the second, "I Love my Love," by Pinsuti, with "The Lady of the Lea." The concert appropriately wound up with the "March of the Masons," by Bro. Croger, by Masonic choir, organ, and band.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

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LODGE OF ECONOMY, No. 76, WINCHESTER.

THE installation meeting took place on Wednesday, 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, and was performed by Bro. J. Harris, the outgoing Master, who was highly complimented for his able rendering of the splendid ritual, which was not a little enhanced by the musical ability of the Provincial Grand Organist, Bro. G. Jones. The ceremony of installation was followed by the investment of Officers as under:—Bros. J. Harris I.P.M., J. F. Nixon S. W., Captain Hall J.W., T. Stopher Treasurer P.M., W. Gammon Secretary P.M., W. H. Jacob S.D., G. Seeley J.D. E. D. Godwin P.M., D.C. E. Snelling A.D.C., J. T. Clifton S., W. Lumsden A.S., E. T. Chamberlain I.G., Sims T. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where the banquet was splendidly served by Mrs. Spriggs. About forty sat down. The usual loyal and craft toasts followed, and Bro. Murray received the "hearty good wishes" of his own and the visiting brethren.

FITZROY LODGE, No 569.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place at the Head Quarters of the Honourable Artillery Company, Finsbury, on Friday, the 28th ultimo, when there was a very large gathering of the members and their friends to witness the ceremony. The ordinary business having been disposed of, the W.M. Bro. J. C. Sanderson initiated Mr. Sydney Walford, of No. 1 Company, and afterwards vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Captain Eglese, who, in his usual able and impressive manner, installed the W.M. elect, Bro. Lieutenant F. J. Stöhwasser, into the chair of K.S. The brethren then saluted the newly-installed Master with the customary honours. The W.M. invested and appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. P.M. Captain Helsham Treasurer, P.M. Captain Eglese Secretary, Quartermaster W. G. Brighten S.W., W. Birdseye J.W., C. W. J. Baker S.D., George Fulcher J.D., Second-Lieutenant J. Pash I.G., P.M. W. H. Honey Director of Ceremonies, R. W. Goddard Tyler. The W.M. then presented the I.P.M. Bro. Sanderson with a very handsome jewel, which had been voted to him by the Lodge for his zealous services during his year of office. There being no further business to transact, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to their magnificent Hall, and sat down to a most excellent banquet, served by the sutler Bro. F. W. Bolton. After grace had been sung, and the usual loyal toasts had been given, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Prov. Grand Master, which was responded to by Bro. Alderman D. H. Stone P.G.S.W. The I.P.M. was then entrusted with the gavel, and in very complimentary language congratulated the W.M. on his elevation, and expressed a hope that he would enjoy as pleasant a year of office as he (the speaker) had experienced. The toast was then drunk with enthusiasm. The W.M. expressed his thanks in a neat and appropriate speech. Bros. Col. Sir Francis Burdett P.G.M. Middlesex, and Col. Shadwell J. Clerke G.S., responded for the visitors. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Wilhelm Ganz P.G. Organist, who was assisted by Miss Bertha Moore R.A.M., Miss Belval, Bro. Faulkner Leigh and Bro. Frederic Penna, their harmony contributing largely to the enjoyment of the entertainment. Among the brethren present were: Past Masters H. J. Adams, W. H. Honey, Capt. W. I. Spicer, F. Graves, R. G. Webster, and A. D. Everingham. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. Sir C. T. Bright D.P.G.M. Middlesex, E. B. Bright P.G.J.W. Middlesex, Major C. Harding P.G.S. Middlesex, Dr. Barringer P.J.W. Herts, Lardner P.P.G.S.W. Herts, G. Lambert P.J.G.W. Herts, J. Terry P.G.W. Herts, Rooke P.G.S.W. Herts, Motion P.G.D. Essex, W. P. Brown St. John's.

GOLDEN RULE LODGE, NO. 1261.

THE Installation Meeting was held on the 1st instant, at the Cafe Royal, Air-street, Regent-street. Bro. J. Lewis W.M., W. Emden S.W., Atkins J.W., J. Lewis Treasurer, F. G. Longley P.M. Sec., Hicklin S.D., Beckett I.G.; P.M.'s Jessop, Dr. Allworth, D. R. Cross, Wolfskey. Visitors—Bros. Trick 1360, Langton P.M., J. Abrams 177, Beeton 1260, Colonel Wiggington 1503, H. Rees 72, W. Stoe 181, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Messrs. Dr. Gilbert Lynch and E. H. Dowler were initiated into the Order by the W.M. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Walter Emden S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge and duly installed by Bro. Dr. Allworth P.M. The following brethren were appointed Officers:—Bros. James Lewis I.P.M., Atkins S.W., Beckett J.W., James Lewis Treasurer, F. G. Longley P.M. Sec., Hicklin S.D., Rose Innes J.D., Terry I.G., V. N. Jessop P.M. W.S., Goddard P.M. Tyler. Bro. Dr. Allworth gave notice of motion that the sum of £25 be given from the Lodge to the three Masonic Charities, and Bro. Wolfskey P.M. announced that, under the circumstances, he should have great pleasure in acting as Steward at the next Anniversary Festival for the Royal Institution for Boys. Hearty good wishes were given by the brethren and visitors, and Lodge was closed. The brethren sat down to a *récherché* banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. D. Nichols. The W.M. ably presided, and proposed the usual toasts. Bro. J. Lewis I.P.M. then rose; he had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the evening—the health of the Worshipful Master. The brethren were well aware that the selection they had made was one they would never regret. Bro. Emden's knowledge of Freemasonry, added to his other qualifications, would stand him in good stead during his occupancy of the chair. The W.M., in reply, said he had always aspired to occupy the chair, but he should have felt a diffidence in his present position were he not assured he should have the confidence and support of those belonging to the Lodge. The next toast was that of the newly initiated brethren, and after Bro. R. Jessop had played an artistic solo on the piano, the new members expressed their acknowledgments. The Installing Master was next complimented, and the remaining toasts were done ample justice to. In due course the proceedings closed with the parting toast from the Tyler.

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LODGE OF FIDELITY, No. 663, WILTSHIRE.

THE Installation Meeting took place on Tuesday, 18th January, at the Town Hall, Devizes. Owing to the tremendous snow storm which prevailed on that day, none but the members of the Lodge actually resident in the town, were able to attend, the roads being blocked in every direction. The gathering therefore was a very small one. The W.M. elect, Bro. Harry Howse, who had filled the office of S.W. for the past year, was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by the Provincial Grand Registrar of Wiltshire, Bro. William Nott P.P.G.W., who afterwards delivered the customary addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren. The Officers for the coming year were installed and invested as follows:—Bros. W. H. Burt I.P.M., J. A. Randell S.W., G. S. A. Waylen J.W., D. A. Gibbs P.M. Treas., W. Nott P.M. Sec., S. M. Badham S.D., W. H. Bush J.D., T. Waite P.M. M.C., F. S. Hancock I.G., T. C. Hopkins and W. H. Butcher Stewards, J. Hayter Tyler. A brother from Canada was proposed as a joining member, and after the alms bag had as usual been sent round in aid of the Lodge Charity Fund, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to their annual banquet at the Crown Hotel, to which, with his accustomed liberality, Bro. S. Watson Taylor, of Erlestoke Park, contributed a liberal supply of venison and game.

Royal Alfred Lodge, No 780.—An emergency meeting was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, the 28th of January. At 2 p.m. the brethren assembled, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. B. E. Blasby; the S.W. (Bro. C. Costelow) was unavoidably absent, but the other Officers ably supported the W.M. The first business was to ballot for, as a joining member, Bro. Alfred Kent, of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211. The ballot was unanimous in his favour, and Bro. Kent took his seat as a member. Three brethren—Alexander George Emmerson, Joseph Hughes, and Joseph James Barnes—ably sustained their claim for preferment, and were raised to the sublime degree. Three candidates for passing—Bros. George John Lees, Walter John Sperring, and Willie Clarke Daniell—were also advanced a step; and the ballot was brought into requisition for Mr. Samuel Blasby, No. 31 Gloucester-place, Kew, who was proposed by Bro. Blasby W.M., and seconded by Bro. W. Goss P.M.; for Mr. Charles Thomas James Hildersley, of the Market-place, Brentford, proposed by Bro. Arnold, and seconded by Bro. Metcalfe; and for Mr. J. Moore Lucas, of Rose Cottage, Kew-road, Richmond, who had for his sponsors the W.M. and Bro. Maton. This proved successful in each case, and, accordingly, the several gentlemen were duly initiated into the mysteries of the first degree in Freemasonry. The whole of the work was done by the Worshipful Master, and done in so able and impressive manner as to elicit the warm applause of all who were present. The remaining business was then disposed of, and Lodge having been closed with the accustomed formalities, the brethren adjourned to a capital banquet, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided, the cloth was removed, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured. The I.P.M., in terms of well-merited compliment, gave the health of the Worshipful Master, making special reference to the arduous duties he had been called upon to fulfil that evening, and the earnest and intelligent manner in which he had performed them. The heartiness of the applause which greeted the I.P.M.'s remarks was of itself a sufficient testimony to their truth, though the Worshipful Master, in his reply, very modestly disclaimed having done anything more than attempt to emulate the brilliant working of his predecessors. The toast of the Initiates was heartily received, and briefly but appropriately responded to. To the Visitors, too, was extended in word, as it had previously been in deed, a thoroughly Masonic welcome, which they were not slow or niggardly in acknowledging. The Tyler's toast concluded the festive portion of the proceedings, which enjoyed the further advantage of being enlivened, in the intervals between the speeches, by songs, recitations, &c. We must not let slip the opportunity of speaking a few words of praise as to the conduct of business in the Lodge. Thanks to a very able and enthusiastic body of Past Masters, and to the knowledge obtainable at the well-ordered and intelligent Lodge of Instruction, which works in complete harmony with the mother Lodge, the Officers are remarkably able and zealous in the discharge of their appointed functions: there are, indeed, few of the Lodges we have visited in which the work in all the degrees is better done. In saying this we are anxious to pay the Lodge, not a mere empty compliment, but the tribute of praise to which it is entitled. Among those present were Bros. Blasby W.M., Franckel J.W., Goss P.M. Treasurer, W. Hilton P.M. Secretary, Gunner S.D., Kent Organist, Tarling S.; Past Masters Littlewood and Chambers Roe; and Visitors—Bros. Reynolds 820, Dallman 1414, Morgan Sec. 211, W. Bell 1024.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—A meeting was held on Monday, 31st January, at the Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road. Bros. Hammond 1278 W.M., C. Kendall 1625 S.W., Wooding 1306 J.W., Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 Treas., Stewart 1278 Sec., Sturtevant 1278 S.D., Brittain 1278 J.D., Hubbert 1625 I.G., P.M.'s Bros. Magrath 1306, Clements 1306, Coote 1278, Bonner 1278. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Magrath candidate. The first, second, and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Wooding, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Brittain and Sturtevant, both of 1278, were elected members. Bro. Barnes announced, in very feeling terms, that Bro. G. H. Stephens had met with a heavy calamity in the death of his wife. He proposed that a letter of condolence be written to Bro. Stephens by the Secretary on behalf of the Lodge. This was seconded by Bro. Hubbert, and carried unanimously. A letter was also ordered to be written to Bro. Preceptor Hogg, condoling with him on the loss he has sustained by the death of his father-in-law, who was frozen to death during the late severe weather.

Eboracum Chapter, No. 1611.—The annual meeting of this Chapter took place on Tuesday, at York, the following Companions being present:—T. B. Whytehead Z., J. S. Cumberland H., J. Todd P.Z. as J., J. Kay Scribe E., C. G. Padel S.N., M. Millington P.S., J. T. Seller 1st Asst. Soj., A. T. B. Turner 2nd Asst. Soj., R. Ware, T. Humphries, J. Lackenby, W. Girling, &c. Comp. W. Lawton P.Z. and Comp. G. Balmford Z. elect of the Zetland Chapter were also present. The chief business consisted of the installation of Principals. E. Comp. J. S. Cumberland was installed Z., by E. Comp. T. B. Whytehead, who was then himself placed in the chair of H. by the newly-installed Z. Comp. C. G. Padel was then introduced and installed in the third chair by Comp. Whytehead. The Companions were then admitted, and the following were invested:—J. Kay S.E., J. T. Seller S.N., M. Millington P.S. The P.S. then appointed Comps. A. T. B. Turner and T. Humphries as his Assistants; Comp. Pearson was appointed Janitor, and the Chapter was closed. The accounts were audited, with a satisfactory result, and the brethren spent a pleasant evening at refreshment, the usual toasts being duly honoured.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 2nd inst., at the Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal-green Junction Railway Station. Present:—Bros. Christian W.M., Abrahams S.W., Chitson J.W., Hand Secretary, Ward S.D., Sturtevant J.D., Clark I.G.; also Bros. Anderson, Dr. Defriez, Collins, Loveday, Veal, Magrath, Stewart. Lodge was opened by the W.M. and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Magrath acting as candidate. Lodge opened in the second degree, and Bro. Wooding worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed; Bro. Wooding worked the third, fourth and fifth sections of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Hand, Rink, and Magrath 1306 were elected members. Bro. Abrahams will preside next week.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—On Tuesday, 1st February, at the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement. Bros. Cuthbertson W.M., Webb S.W., Pitt J.W., J. L. Mather Preceptor, Sparrow Sec., Halestrap S.D., Couchman I.G., and several others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Batty candidate. This was followed by the rehearsal of the ceremony of passing, same brother acting as candidate. Bro. Sanders was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge closed and adjourned. Bro. J. L. Mather, the Preceptor, will work the ceremony of installation on Tuesday next, the 8th instant.

UNITED MASONIC BALL.

THE third annual ball in connection with the Finsbury Park and Crusaders' Lodges, Nos. 1,288 and 1,677, took place at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Monday, when a large and fashionable company were present. Dancing commenced about half-past nine. At half-past twelve the company adjourned to the Crown Room, where supper was admirably served under the superintendence of Bro. E. Dawkins, and to which full justice was done. The banquet was presided over by the two Worshipful Masters, Bros. A. Mullord, of Lodge 1,288, and W. J. Simmonds, of Lodge 1,677. At the conclusion of the repast the president, Bro. Mullord proposed the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," which was followed by that of "Success to the United Masonic Ball," ably responded to by Bro. Simmonds. The toast of "The Ladies" was proposed in felicitous terms by Bro. Price, and heartily received by the brethren. The company then returned to the ball-rooms, were dancing was renewed, and kept up with great vigour till after four o'clock.

We hear that Bro. Terry's Board of Stewards for the approaching Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution already numbers over 300 brethren, of whom a round ninety hail from the Province of West Yorkshire, whose distinguished Chief, Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., has kindly undertaken to preside. There is, of course, ample time yet for even this unusually large number to be increased, as the Festival is fixed for Wednesday, the 23rd inst., or more than a fortnight hence. We heartily congratulate Bro. Terry on the success which has thus far attended his zealous advocacy of the claims of the R.M.B.I. to the support of the Craft, and we trust the pecuniary result will be commensurate with the numerical strength of the Board of Stewards.

It will be seen from an announcement we publish elsewhere, that our worthy brother G. H. Stephens has recently sustained an irreparable domestic loss, his wife having, a few days since, succumbed to a painful malady from which she had been long suffering. We respectfully offer to our brother, in this moment of severe trial, our sincere condolence.

DANCING.—Bro. JACQUES WYNMAN, Professor of Dancing, gives daily instruction in all the fashionable Dances to those who are without previous knowledge. Private lessons at any time, by appointment. Families attended. Balls conducted, and first class Bands provided if desired.
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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 5th FEBRUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1632—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
1468—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 7th FEBRUARY.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
848—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1455—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1633—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
1635—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1693—Kingaland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30 (Instruction)

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
190—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
483—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
507—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
523—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1109—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1134—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1364—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1799—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 8th FEBRUARY.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 3 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
167—St. John, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
196—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
983—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1635—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
R.A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
496—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
602—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
634—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
686—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
736—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
839—Sydney, Black Horse, Sidcup
862—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1130—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R. C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 9th FEBRUARY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
238—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
R.C.—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
304—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
463—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—S. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1348—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1364—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction.)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool (In.)
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wales
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 10th FEBRUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.oad
211—St. Michael, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1339—Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7. (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1383—Friends in Council, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
303—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.

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548—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
733—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1066—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1148—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1264—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1183—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1304—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1593—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1627—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1783—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
R.A. 165—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 1305—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T. Salamanca, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

FRIDAY, 11th FEBRUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
907—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction.)
884—Hanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1368—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1396—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
R.C.—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
155—Perseverance, MasonicHall, Liverpool.
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
468—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-steet, Goole.
480—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
536—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
653—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street,
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1067—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1289—Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
1436—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 12th JANUARY.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

142—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—There was a well-attended meeting of this Lodge on Thursday, 27th ult., at the Masons' Hall Tavern, and some excellent working was done.

Prosperity Lodge, No. 65.—A meeting of the members of this Lodge was held on Thursday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. C. E. Ferry W.M., who was supported by Bros. W. Chicken S.W., J. Roberts J.W., George T. Brown P.M. Hon. Secretary, J. Scheidler S.D., C. J. Rich J.D., Louis A. Leins D.C., Charles Daniel P.M., H. J. Goodall P.M., H. Caton acting as I.G., and many other brethren and visitors. Lodge having been duly opened, the ballot was taken for Mr. William Fencott, proposed by Bro. Goodall P.M., seconded by Bro. Charles Daniell P.M.; Mr. Henry Albert Patience, whose sponsors were the same; Mr. William Martin, nominated by Bro. H. Sladden, seconded by the W.M.; and Mr. Rowland G. Pocock, proposed by Bro. H. Sladden, seconded by the W.M. All were unanimously accepted and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order by the W.M., who discharged his duties in an effective manner. Lodge was then advanced, and Bro. Hills was raised; after the transaction of some other business, the brethren supped together, and spent a most enjoyable evening.

Lodge of Lights, No. 148, Warrington.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic rooms on Monday evening last. The W.M., Bro. Dr. A. H. Young, was supported by Bros. Charles E. Hindley I.P.M., James Paterson S.W., J. Paul Rylands J.W., Thos. Grime S.D., Charles Skinner J.D., Thomas Tunstall P.M. Treasurer as I.G., W. Sharp P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Sec., John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W., Dr. Mackie, W. Warner, W. H. Robinson P.M., T. Robinson, W. Brooker I.G. 897, Burns Sec. 897, C Ashurst 1250, T. Eastham Royal Preston 338, and Domville Tyler. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. W. Warner claimed preferment, and having sustained his claim, was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, Bro. Warner readmitted and raised, the whole of the beautiful ceremony being worked by the Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. Bowes, with the exception of the presentation and explanation of the working tools, which duty was entrusted to the J.W., Bro. J. Paul Rylands. The Deaconate of Bro. Thos. Grime was marked by precision and accuracy, as, indeed, was the whole of the long ceremony. The Lodge having been lowered to the E.A. degree, a joining member was proposed, the remaining business transacted, and the brethren separated in harmony.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—An emergency meeting was held on the 31st ult, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, Bro. R. Baker W.M., L. M. Myers S.W., J. Benjamin J.W., J. S. Lyon Treasurer, E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., Blanks S.D., Davis as J.D., Wall as I.G., P. E. Van Noorden Org., Bean D.C.; P.M.'s L. Lazarus, L. Alexander, H. M. Levy, H. Hymans, A. G. Dodson. Visitors—I. De Silva 205, J. Lewis 493, Harriss 1558, W. Benson 1580, Lewis 1017. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. H. McKinlay, Hobman, and Midgley, who were duly initiated into the Order. Bro. B. Simmons having answered the questions, was passed to the second degree. Both ceremonies were perfectly worked, and reflected credit on the W.M. The Lodge was then closed.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at Bro. Walter's, the Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney, E. Bros. Loane W.M., Stewart S.W., Shingfield J.W., T. J. Barnes P.M., J. Andrews P.M. and acting Preceptor, J. Taylor Deacon, Wood I.G.; Bros. Poulter, Dutton, C. H. Bardoulean 1421, Swanson 567, Gamble 49 (S.C.), &c. Lodge was opened, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Poulter candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair for the W.M. of the mother Lodge, when Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Loane was interrogated. In due course the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Loane candidate. Bro. Barnes P.M., in feeling terms, alluded to the sad loss sustained by Bro. G. H. Stephens. It was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence with Bro. Stephens, on the loss of his wife, be sent by the Lodge. Bro. Stewart was unanimously elected W.M. for the 8th inst. The following brethren were admitted members:—Bros. C. H. Bardoulean 1421, Dutton 554, Swanson 567, Gamble 49 (S.C). Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until the 8th inst.

William Preston Lodge, No. 766.—A meeting of the members of this Lodge was held on Thursday evening, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, under the presidency of the W.M. After the transaction of business, the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, and the usual Loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. F. Carr W.M., Wardell S.W., Clark J.W., Christian S.D., Dignam J.D., Larter I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, Smyth Treasurer, Brasted acting Preceptor; Bros. Dallas, Catling, Collins, Forss. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Catling candidate. Bro. Forss worked the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and regularly closed to first degree. Bro. Wardell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned. It is with deep regret that we have to record the severe indisposition of Bro. Wallington P.M., the esteemed Preceptor of this Lodge of Instruction. We hope that the G.A.O.T.U. will restore him to his usual health, and sanction his return to the field he has so energetically laboured in.

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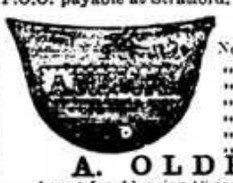
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THE CRAFT IN DEVON.

WE published last week a highly interesting account of the meeting in the Market Hall, Torrington, on the 27th ult., of the Committee of Petitions for the Province of Devon, and the subsequent Especial Communication of Prov. Grand Lodge in the new Lodge room, under the presidency of Viscount Ebrington Prov. G. Master. It is worth while devoting a brief space to the former, while the principal business which occupied the attention of the brethren at the latter gathering merits something more than a passing word or two; and, as the business is still undecided, we shall, in all probability, have further occasion to deal with it.

The Committee of Petitions met together for the purpose of receiving the report of Bro. Godtschalk, its London representative, and that report is worth considering, if only for the purpose of showing how a Province which, albeit a strong one, and having, of necessity, only a very limited voting power, so exerts that power as to be able to carry the day in behalf of its chosen candidates at the elections of our Institutions. Devon appears to have been very successful during the past year, having carried no less than five candidates, namely, one at each of the Boys' School elections in April and October, one into the Girls' School in October, with one to the Male and one to the Female Fund of the Benevolent Institution in May. Now, the voting power which the Province itself was able to exercise during the year was 1948 votes only, and the number of those cast at the election of these five candidates was 4997, so that it must have entailed on Bro. Godtschalk a considerable amount of ingenuity in order to accomplish his task. In April last, the boy Norrish polled 1513 votes; in May, Mrs. Andrews obtained 923 votes, and Bro. G. Elliott 320 votes; in October, the boy Loveridge and the girl Drake secured 1652 votes and 589 votes respectively. But how were these successes achieved? Let us take the two last cases in illustration. The boy Loveridge was the adopted candidate of the Province, which directly—and indirectly likewise from Cornwall—was able, through Bro. J. B. Gover, to give him 372 votes. Bro. Godtschalk then borrowed from Berkshire 93 votes, Cheshire 300 votes, Shropshire 100 votes, North Wales 100 votes, Dorsetshire 276 votes, and, by exchanging girls' votes and adding his own, he succeeded in obtaining 1532 votes from outside sources. As there were already 324 votes to the boy's credit, Bro. Godtschalk only polled 1328, making the candidate secure with a total of 1652 votes. The surplus 204 were lent to the Province of Warwickshire, and will, of course, be repaid in April. In the case of the Girl's School Election, last October, no candidate was adopted as there were no votes available, yet Bro. Godtschalk does not appear to have been in any way dismayed. The occasion was an unusually favourable one, it will be remembered, there being no less than forty-two vacancies, and only fifty-four candidates. Accordingly, he set to work, and obtained from Devon, through Bro. Gover and himself, 350 votes, of which 200 were due from South Wales on IOU; from Cornwall, through Bro. Gover, 126 votes; from Berks 67 votes, and from Dorsetshire 67 votes in exchange for a proportionate number of boys' votes. This made a total of 567, which, added to a previous poll of 22, carried the girl in successfully as thirty-ninth on the list of candidates, with 589 votes, the lowest number polled being 582. The result of all this clever management is that, at the present time, the Province is in debt, in various directions, to the extent of 1807 votes, and has owing to it 604 votes, leaving a net indebtedness of 1203 votes. Thus, by means of a total of 3151 votes, namely, 1948 of its own, and the 1203 due on IOU's, Devon has succeeded in carrying five candidates in one year, the difference between these 3151 votes, and the 4997 actually recorded, namely, 1846 votes, costing it nothing whatever. We are not surprised that, having regard to so satisfactory a result, Bro. Godtschalk should have submitted a proposition to the effect that two sums of £52 10s each should be voted to the Female Fund of the Benevolent Institution and the Girls' School respectively. Nor are we surprised that Bros. W. G. Rogers, J. B. Gover, and C. Godtschalk should have been re-elected by acclamation to the several offices of Chairman, Secretary, and London Representative of the said Committee. It is principally due to the energy and ability of these worthy Craftsmen that Devon is in a position to congratulate herself with so much reason on the successes of the past year, and this re-election, accompanied by a hearty vote of thanks to each of them, was a matter of course. The recommendations as to the two sums to be granted, as aforesaid, were, of necessity, reserved.

The meeting of the Especial Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the afternoon of the same day, the purpose for which the brethren met together being to signify by word and deed their deep sense of the valuable services rendered to Masonry by the late Rev. Bro. John Huyshe, who for so many years presided over its destinies in this Province. As befitted so important an occasion, the chair was occupied by Viscount Ebrington, the late Bro. Huyshe's successor in the Prov. Grand Mastership, and in spite of the extremely inclement weather, there were present some sixty brethren. Devon, however, is a large Province, and it was rightly felt that such a gathering could not be considered a representative one. As to the resolution moved by the P.G. Master, duly seconded, to the effect that "the P.G. Lodge desires to express its sympathy with Mrs. Huyshe in the loss she has sustained by the lamented death of the Rev. John Huyshe, M.A., &c., and to record, by some lasting memorial, the affectionate esteem in which the late P.P.G.M. was held by the Masons of Devonshire," that was carried unanimously; but a long discussion ensued as to the character the said memorial should take. The first suggestion emanated from Bro. Rogers, and was to the effect that the virtues of our late brother should be perpetuated by a memorial window in the cathedral church of the diocese, and that a Committee should be appointed, in order to raise subscriptions, and make the necessary arrangements. Bro. Godtschalk submitted that a far better kind of memorial would be the foundation of a Huyshe Scholarship, in connection with the Devon Educational Fund. Bros. Curteis and Gover, though they moved as an amendment that the consideration as to the form the proposed memorial should take should be deferred, also favoured the idea of a Scholarship, whether connected with the Devon or any other Charity Fund, while the window was approved by Bros. Moon and Bradie. Lord Ebrington, however, seemed to think the idea was as yet immature, and the amendment to defer consideration was agreed to. In the meantime, we trust the Wor. Masters of the Devon Lodges, and the members generally, will give the matter all the attention in their power. No doubt the memorial window will find a large share of support, for our late Brother was a clerk in holy orders in the Anglican Church; yet it strikes us the Scholarship

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scheme would be preferable. It is an essentially practical suggestion. Not only will it perpetuate the name and fame of our departed brother, but it will illustrate to a good purpose the active principle of benevolence, the charity of heart and of pocket, by which he was so greatly distinguished. As Bro. Curteis is reported to have pointed out, "Bro. Huyshe in his life had always been practical in his unbounded charity," and Bro. Gover supported this view by quoting in illustration the Fortescue Annuity Fund, which was founded in memory of the grandfather of their present chief, and was doing good service. Whether it should be established in connection with the Provincial Educational Fund, or in connection with one of our Central Schools, is a question which we do not venture on discussing. This must in great measure be settled by the character of the subscriptions. If these should be wholly or in greatest part from Devonian brethren, then we think the Scholarship should be connected with the local Fund; but if any considerable sum outside the Province should be subscribed, sufficient, that is to say, to justify the donors in claiming to exercise a voice in the appropriation of the sum raised, then, perhaps, it would be better to connect it with a central charity. For ourselves, we should prefer seeing it connected with the local Fund, for it was as a Devon Mason and among Devonshire folk generally that the late Rev. J. Huyshe was so deeply and deservedly respected. Perhaps, as the Prov. G. Master suggested, when the matter has been more generally discussed throughout the Province, and it becomes gradually more clear what will be the approximate amount of the subscriptions, it may be found possible to adopt both schemes—the window and the Scholarship. One thing is certain, nothing will be lost by delay, for the purpose of giving the Lodges in the Province the opportunity for formulating and making known amongst themselves their several opinions. We do not doubt, from the spirit already exhibited, that the Province will carry out the scheme it may determine upon in a manner which, while it will be a certain and lasting tribute to the memory of one who, in all the many positions he occupied, whether as a Clergyman, as a Justice of the Peace, or as a Mason, was universally loved, will likewise be in all respects worthy of so distinguished a Province, presided over, as it is, by so zealous and able a chief as our late Bro. Huyshe's successor.

FREEMASONRY IN MASSACHUSETTS.

WE have received, and acknowledge with thanks, copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts on certain Special Communications of the 1st October and 4th December, of the Annual Communication of the 8th December, and of a Stated Communication of the 28th December of last year, with a brief sketch of the annual feast which followed. The first of these was held for the purpose of consecrating the new Masonic apartments of the Norfolk Union Lodge, when there were present among other Grand Officers—Bros. C. A. Welch G. Master, W. H. Chessman as Deputy Grand Master, W. Parkman as G.S.W., F. Mortin as G.J.W., Bradford L. Wales as G. Treasurer, Tracy P. Cheever Recording G. Secretary, &c. &c., together with representatives of the several Lodges in the vicinity. The Grand Master made a brief but appropriate address, and when the proceedings were ended, Grand Lodge was entertained at a sumptuous banquet. The Communication held on the 4th December was for the fulfilment of no less sad a duty than the paying a last tribute of respect to the memory of a late distinguished Mason, Bro. John T. Heard, Past Grand Master, who died on the first of that month, at his residence in Louisburg-square, Boston. After a brief address, in which Grand Master Welch expressed his appreciation of the great loss the Craft in that State had sustained by the death of their late chief, the Lodge funeral service was read, after which the Grand Officers and brethren proceeded to the residence of their late brother, where, after a funeral service by the Rev. Cyrus A. Bartol, D.D., the *cortège* moved off to the cemetery at Mount Auburn, where the rest of the sad duties of the day were fulfilled, and the brethren dispersed.

There was a very full attendance of Grand Officers and Lodge representatives at the Annual Communication on the 8th December. Bro. Charles A. Welch Grand Master presided, and among those who supported him were Bros. A. H. Howland jun. D.G.M., Charles W. Moody S.G.W., Otis E. Weld G.J.W., Samuel Wells Grand Treasurer, Tracy P. Cheever Recording Grand Secretary, George P. Sanger Corresponding Grand Secretary, &c, &c., &c. When Grand Lodge had been opened, and the usual references made to the different Committees, the Grand Master read his report, in which he carefully noted all the incidents which had occurred during the period of his Grand Mastership. He also drew attention to the report of the Auditing Committee on the Grand Treasurer's accounts, which was of a highly satisfactory character. Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, with the following result:—Bros. S. C. Lawrence Grand Master, Edwin Wright Deputy Grand Master, F. Lyman Winship S.G.W., Nathan S. Kimball G.J.W., S. Wells Grand Treasurer, Tracy P. Cheever Recording Grand Secretary, George P. Sanger Corresponding Grand Secretary, Charles W. Slack S.G.D., Charles Harris G.J.D., &c., &c., &c. On the 28th December the installation of the Grand Master and his principal Officers took place, Past Grand Master Welch playing the chief part in the ceremony. A handsome Past Grand Master's jewel having been subsequently presented to Bro. Welch, several other matters of business were despatched, and the annual banquet was held, about 154 brethren taking part in the festive gathering.

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THE annual ball of the members of these popular Lodges was held on Monday, 7th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, and in the result proved a great success. Dancing was enjoyed to the strains of C. H. R. Marriott's band. At the supper the W.M. of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge presided, being supported by Bro. Hollis vice. The toast of the Queen was followed by that of Success to the United Ball of the two Lodges. The President looked upon the large attendance and the happy appearance of all around him as evidence of the success of the ball, and he hoped it might continue as an institution for many years to come, and that at all times it would be a success. Bro. Hollis proposed the health of the Ball Stewards and Ball Committee. He was sure this toast would meet a hearty welcome, as it was to the exertions of these brethren that the success of the ball might be attributed. From personal experience he could testify that it was no easy task to organise such a ball, much less to bring it to a successful issue. He felt sure the committee were amply repaid for all their trouble by the way in which the ball was attended, and by the apparent happiness of all around him. He could not let the opportunity pass without making special reference to one brother, on whom perhaps fell a great portion of the work—he alluded to Bro. A. F. Speller, the Hon. Sec. of the Committee. That brother had left no effort untried to add to the enjoyment of the company, and to him especial thanks were due. Bro. Speller replied to the toast. He was very pleased to hear what Bro. Hollis had just said, but he thought so much praise was hardly due. He felt there was not a brother in the Lodge but would have done what he had in order to enhance the success of the ball. He was only too happy to know that the efforts of himself and brother committee-men had resulted so successfully. Bro. Tibbitts proposed the toast of the ladies, to which Bro. Heyse responded. Dancing was then resumed, and kept up with spirit until close on five a.m.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

Hilda Chapter, Rose Croix.—The annual meeting for the installation of M.W.S. took place at York, on Friday evening. The Chapter was opened by the M.W.S. Bro. T. B. Whytehead, after which the chair was taken by Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister 33 S.G.I.G., who proceeded to instal the M.W.S. elect Bro. J. S. Cumberland. The Officers were afterwards appointed, as follow:—Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis H.P., S. Middleton First General, M. Millington Second General, T. B. Whytehead P.S. Recorder, A. T. B. Turner G.M., G. Simpson Raphael, L. Murphy Herald, E. J. De Salis Captain of Guard, J. T. Atkinson Org., Rev. J. Blake D.C., P. Pearson and H. Jackson Equerries. The Chapter was afterwards closed, a vote of thanks for services rendered having been accorded to Bro. Banister.

Bro. W. Purkiss, P.M. 1695, has purchased the Royal Music Hall Holborn, of Bro. Sweasey. Bro. Purkiss will shortly take possession, when the Hall will undergo an entire renovation; all the modern improvements will be introduced. The work will be carried on under the superintendence of Bro. E. Clarke, architect. The best and most talented artistes are being engaged.

We have been requested to announce that the Annual Banquet of the Kilburn Lodge of Instruction will take place on the 14th instant, at Bro. W. F. Walton's, the South Molton Hotel, South Molton-street, Oxford-street, W., Bro. James W. Cuff, W.M. of the mother Lodge, will preside. Brethren are offered a cordial welcome. Tickets 5s each. Banquet at seven o'clock sharp.

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A MASONIC PANTOMIME.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We have all read about burlesque Masonic processions and Masonic caricatures; but I doubt very much whether any of your readers are aware that a Masonic pantomime was performed at Covent Garden Theatre in 1781, just a hundred years ago. Bro. Parker, the Superintendent of the Boston Masonic Temple, however, called my attention to "Curwen's Journal and Letters," printed here in 1842, in which Mr. Curwen described such a pantomime. A few words must, however, be said about the author, Mr. Samuel Curwen, a native of Salem, Massachusetts, who was at one time a soldier, then a judge and merchant, and was a royalist when the American Revolution broke out in 1775. As Boston was too hot a place for royalists, he went to Philadelphia; but finding Philadelphia also too hot for him, he sailed for England, and remained there until 1784, when he returned to America. During his sojourn in England he kept a diary. I find in it mentioned several visits to theatres; but he evidently never saw a pantomime before 1781. And now for his account thereof:—

"Jan. 9. [1781]. Accompanied Mr. Daglish to Covent Garden Theatre, comedy, Busy-body,—entertainment, the tasty performance of *Freemason's procession*,—scenery pompous, former part, to my taste, unpleasing—Harliquin in dumb show; why he is said to be a freemason, I cannot divine, unless investing him with a square, one of their badges, suspended by ribbon and hung round his neck, so constituted him. The skipping about of an antic dressed in a merry-andrew's coat, his face covered with black crape, and wooden sword by his side, put on for the purpose of showing how ready he is drawing it forth to slap his brother antic's face, shoulders, etc.; displaying the wonders of his transforming power in converting trunks, dogs, and chests, into watch boxes, arbours, chimney-pieces, etc.; his principal aim being to make grimaces and wry faces at his favorite columbine, who by the way, is a fine looking girl, and made to be deeply in love with a fantastic ape, without one probable reason for it. These species of pantomime seem at present greatly in vogue: to arraign the taste is perhaps conceited: but this remark will never come to light, if ever, till, I dare say, it will be as despised as it is now relished, especially by the more enlightened class; as to the lower, they ever were and ever will be too gross for any entertainment above the lowest humor . . . I would fain call it vulgar, but too many box spectators seem to enjoy it, and join the galleries. I can't, however, but believe that all sensible persons do disapprove of these shows as unworthy, but dare not openly avow their opinion.

"The comedy was excellent, and well performed, and much exceeds in point of wit, plot, etc., the to me flattish sentimental compositions of the present day, with few exceptions.

"After the silly harliquin had skipped behind the scenes, a grand procession began, preceded by a standard of light red color, the ground of all following ones: the first contained a scroll, wherein was painted in large golden letters ENOCH, the first Grand Master, his representative following, accompanied by two attendants; at a little interval appeared NIMROD, second Grand Master, with his representative and four attendants; next was brought the front of the Temple of the Sun at Thebes; afterwards, the great pyramid of Egypt and the sphynx; then front of the Temple of Jerusalem, built by King Solomon. Pharaoh's two daughters next followed, attended by their Egyptian and Jewish female and male servants, the high priest properly habited, holding a pot of incense in his hand, breast plate and other insignia on, closing with a long stream of attendants and servants in the rear: next, front of the Pantheon at Rome, the founder or repairer, for it is uncertain which, M. Agrippa's name in a list under the capital; then, Temple of Jerusalem, built by Herod, destroyed by Vespatian, represented as in flames; next, William the Conqueror, and behind him was carried a prospective view of the Tower of London, as if built by him; then Edward the Third, accompanied by his son clad in black armor . . . giving liberty to, and taking the chains off the legs of two captive kings, John of France and James II. of Scotland, at the instance of his son, followed by a train of attendants. The front of St. Peter's at Rome then succeeded. Julius II., having in his hand a crosier, and on his head a triple crown . . . He was attended by a train of ecclesiastic officers and servants, and had the keys hanging to his girdle, as lord chamberlain of the state-rooms of the upper regions, and jailor in the lower dungeons . . .

"Next in order came Queen Elizabeth, dressed in royal robes, and attended by her servants, both state and domestic. Then followed King James, surrounded by court sycophants; front of the banqueting house, as it now stands. . . . Next, Guy Fawkes, in dress of his day, holding a dark lantern,—alluding to the gunpowder plot; next followed Inigo Jones, the restorer of Greek and Roman architecture, preceded by an ensign, having his name in a scroll, with the Masonic letters D.G.W. [more probable D.G.M.] Then came Charles II. and attendants, follow'd by the front of St. Paul's. . . . founded in his reign [why was Wren omitted?] At length appeared William and Mary, the former holding a sheet of paper, with this inscription—*Bill of Rights*—words that I wish could be indelibly impressed on the minds of kings, lords, commons, courtiers, and people of this island; for, on the practical remembrance of this short sentence depends the security of this unparalleled constitution, which verily I fear is near its dissolution.

"Then followed the grand-master, seated in a magnificent alcove; then, an arch, having an inscription *Ancient Masonry;* then two pillars, on the top of each a globe,—on one the celestial, the other terrestrial,—and on a list, by which they were kept steady, was inscribed *Modern Masonry*. The last in the procession were Solomon and Pharoah's daughter, seated on a throne of state, and over it a rich canopy raised by six steps: on the bottom steps, on each side, stood two lions guardant, between them two young Egyptian damsels, dressed in white,—and on each side of the throne, all the principal personages of the procession ranged, with standards displayed, made a grand and glittering appearance. A fine chorus was sung, and, when ended, a universal shout of applause rang through the house, and the curtain dropped."

I shall only here remark that the distinction made between *Ancient Masonry* and *Modern Masonry* is rather curious. The *Arch* properly belonged to the *Ancients*, but whether the *globes* and *pillars* were confined to the *Moderns* ought to be ascertained. Cannot our London brethren find out something more about this "Masonic Pantomime?"

Fraternally and respectfully yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 25th Jan. 1881.

THE ST. AMBROSE LODGE, No. 1891.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—"AN OLD BUT JUST BROTHER" is a little hard on your contemporary for its notice about the consecration of the above Lodge. There was an inaccuracy as to date, and it is well known the *Freemason* is published on Friday for Saturday. But though the notice might have been worded somewhat differently, there was, I imagine, nothing in the paragraph it gave which had not already appeared in the summons or notice paper issued to those immediately interested as founders or invited to take part as visitors in the consecration of the St. Ambrose Lodge. It was a trifle premature, but not more so than other announcements of a somewhat similar character I have seen in other journals.

I am, faithfully yours,

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THE PHILADELPHIA QUESTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I cannot, for the life of me, understand why Bro. Jacob Norton will persist in banging away at Philadelphian Masonry, or what good object he imagines he will gain by so doing. Is he, I will ask, in a position to deny the authenticity of the following, namely, that—

(1.) In 1730, the Duke of Norfolk granted a deputation to Daniel Coxe, as Prov. Grand Master of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

(2.) The said Daniel Coxe was present the year following (1731) in Grand Lodge, London, and is described as Prov. Grand Master of North America.

(3.) A Philadelphia journal, published in 1732, distinctly mentions the fact of brethren meeting in that city on one or more occasions in that year.

It matters very little to me personally whether Philadelphia, Boston, New York, or any other city in the United States, is the Mother-City of American Freemasonry, but until Bro. Jacob Norton is in a position to prove that the above are, to use a favourite term of his, all "humbug," he should, in common fairness to history, if not to Freemasonry, discontinue questioning the Philadelphia theory of Bros. Hughan, M'Calla, and others. There is, as you remarked last week, "no inherent or antecedent improbability" as to the "actuality" of the above circumstances, and it cannot possibly be of service to attack everybody all round, because there exist no records of their meetings, such as are compiled by a Lodge Secretary in these days.

Fraternally and respectfully yours,

PHILADELPHOS.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE February meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Col. John Creaton Grand Treasurer (in the chair), J. H. Tattershall, Wm. Stephens, Saml. Rawson, James Brett, Charles G. Hill, Jno. G. Stevens, Edgar Bowyer, Jno. H. Leggott, Thos. Cubitt, Louis Stean, Charles Atkins, Charles H. Webb, Jas. Willing jun., and Jas. Terry Secretary. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary reported the death of an approved candidate, who had for two years received half her late husband's annuity. The Warden's Report for the past month was read. Permission was given to one of the residents in the Institution to resign his apartments, he wishing to reside with some relatives. Cheques for payment of the annuities for the ensuing quarter, as also for various other purposes, were signed. The rating of the Institution at Croydon having lately been materially increased, the Secretary was requested to appeal against the present rating. A statement of the receipts and disbursements for the past year having been submitted, the Committee decided to elect thirteen males from an approved list of thirty-seven candidates, and seven widows from an approved list of sixty-one candidates, at the election on the 20th May next. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

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With the year 1815 may be said to begin the history of modern Freemasonry in this island. The arrival of Bro. Wright was a piece of good fortune for the Anglo-Maltese, and on 18th February of that year twenty-five brethren addressed a letter to him, requesting he would exercise his influence with the Governor for the erection of a Lodge of Freemasons, and further give them the benefit of his counsel and experience. This led to the issue of a dispensation for the establishment of a Lodge, bearing the style and title of St. John and St. Paul, No. 673, and on the 15th April the said Lodge was consecrated, Bro. Slythe being installed the first Worshipful Master by Bro. Wright, who, in the interim, had been appointed Prov. Grand Master for Malta and Gozo—a title subsequently altered to that of Prov. Grand Master of the Mediterranean. Bro. Slythe, however, appears to have been only nominally the first Worshipful Master, for no sooner had he been inducted into office than he vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wright, and at all future meetings was described as Past Master. Twenty-eight brethren met together on this occasion, and no less than twenty candidates were proposed, of whom all but three were elected. The Lodge continued to meet weekly, under the personal direction of Bro. Wright, and their progress was sufficiently satisfactory to arouse the anger of the Roman Catholic Bishop, who sought an interview with the then Governor, Sir Thomas Maitland, for the purpose of remonstrating against the establishment of Freemasonry in his jurisdiction, the grounds of his complaint being that our Society was not only subversive of the Catholic Religion, but directly in antagonism with Christianity itself. Sir Thomas Maitland, after consultation with Bro. Wright, dismissed the complaint, and declined in any way to interfere. For his vindication of the aims and purposes of Masonry on this occasion Bro. Wright received a vote of thanks from the Lodge. At the next election Bro. Wright was re-elected Worshipful Master, and each of the Wardens, on appointment, nominated his own Deacon. The Lodge went on prospering more or less, under the presidency of Bro. Wright or other member, but with nothing of moment intervening till August 1829, when its sittings were suspended—presumably owing to the interference of the local Government—and remained so until the beginning of the year 1822, when the brethren received permission to resume their labours. During the first ten years of its existence the Lodge received several accessions of strength, among others that were elected being Viscount Mandeville, subsequently sixth Duke of Manchester, Lord J. S. Churchill, afterwards Junior Grand Warden of England, Right Hon. J. Hookham Frere, General Gardiner, R.A., and Sir Montagu Stopford. On the completion of this period, Bro. Wright proposed that a special jewel—an illustration of which is given at p 18—should be worn by the members of the Lodge, and this proposal was acted upon. In the year 1826 Bro. Wright died, and a funeral Lodge was held to commemorate his worth, the oration being delivered by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Whitmore. From the opening paragraph we give the following extract:—

"No one possessed of sense or feeling could ever have known our deceased brother who did not honour and esteem him; but we, my brethren, bound to him by every moral and social tie, our friend, our brother, the brightest ornament that ever graced our body, the establisher and constant supporter of this Lodge—how great is our cause for sorrow, how long and deeply must we deplore his loss! Within the Lodge, zealously rigid and eminently efficient in the execution of his own duties, he expected the same attention and obedience from others he was wont to pay himself; nor did any consideration of private gratification, nor sickness, nor suffering, ever prevent his attendance at all duties of the Lodge, which he continued to uphold and exalt to the last moment by example and precept. As a Mason perhaps unequalled, and excelled (I presume) by none. Most enlightened and refined, through a long and brilliant career the pride and beauty of the fraternity; its readiest source from which to gain instruction, its purest fountain of information. As a man, a profound and elegant scholar, a perfect gentleman, and uniformly constant in the exercise of every moral virtue. In his profession eloquent, just, and upright, unbiassed by partial or unworthy motives; honour and humanity guided his steps, and the goodwill and admiration of mankind were the crown of his labours. His mind a compound of all that was noble and generous, enriched by learning and dignified by conscious integrity; benevolent, kind, courteous, and affable; to rich and poor alike a friend, with a heart ever open to sympathise with distresses of his fellow creatures, and a hand ever ready to relieve their wants. An uncommon greatness of soul and mental vigour supported his enfeebled frame under long and acute bodily sufferings, and enabled him to perform the duties of his high station almost to the very moment of his death."

Bro. Wright was buried in the Misida Bastion Cemetery at Floriana, and in 1840 a monument was erected to his honour by the Lodge of which he was the founder, the inscription on which, by the Right Hon. J. H. Frere, reads as follows:—"To the memory of Brother Walter Rodwell Wright, of the county of Suffolk, P.G.M. for the Mediterranean, and founder of the Lodge of St. John and St. Paul at Malta, President of H.M. High Court of Appeal, and senior member of the Supreme Council of Justice in this island. Early distinguished for high literary attainments, and throughout life for uniform benevolence and a strict sense of honour, he secured to himself the confidence and goodwill of the population of this island, and the respect and esteem of his British fellow-countrymen. He died on the 26th April 1826. Bonus atquè fidus Judex honestum prætulit utili. This monument is erected by the Lodge of St. John and St. Paul to mark their deep sense of departed worth."

For some years after Bro. Wright's death, the Lodge was the reverse of prosperous. "During the years 1830-31," writes Bro. Broadley, "the Lodge seems to have had a hard struggle for bare existence;" but on the rejoining of Bro. Whitmore, who had resigned his membership in 1828, there followed a great renewal of activity. In 1832, by the closing up of the Lodges on the roll, the Lodge became No. 437, and in 1863 this was again altered to its present No., 349. Among those who joined the Lodge during these years, may be mentioned Admiral Sir Lucius Curtis, Bart., P.G.M. Hants, Admiral Sir Thomas Fellowes, Sir Godfrey Webster, Robert Langston, H.M. Attorney-General for the island, Archdeacon Burrows P.G.M. of Andalusia, subsequently P.G.M. for Malta, the date of his appointment being early in the year 1847, or close on one-and-twenty years subsequent to Bro. Wright's death. The progress of things during these years seems to have been generally uneventful, only a few incidents occurring which appear to be worth noticing. Thus, on 20th June 1828, the Lodge was visited by Lord Yarborough, P.G.M. of the Isle of Wight, and afterwards D.G.M. of England. His Lordship, however, would not seem to have been a very expert Brother, for the Officers that were sent out to examine him, reported that "he was not provided with his certificates, and was apparently imperfect in the signs and words of the first two degrees; at the same time he was possessed of so much as gave every reason to believe that he had lawfully obtained such degrees, upon which he was admitted." In 1833 a complaint was made against a Bro. Reade, on the ground of his having given "Masonic signs in a public manner at the Mitre Tavern, in Valetta." In March 1843, the thanks of the Lodge were passed to a Bro. Harding "for the very handsome present of two stones, one of them being from the rock of Mount Sion, to be designated the rough ashlar, and the other from the stone of Bethlehem, of which the church of St. James at Jerusalem is being built, to be designated the perfect ashlar." On the same occasion a Bro. Salih Effendi, of H.M.S. Monarch, was initiated, and took the obligation on the Bible and Koran conjointly. In October of this year a pastoral letter, denouncing secret societies, and especially Freemasonry, was issued by the Bishop of Malta, the effect of which was such as to expose the brethren, especially of the Union of Malta Lodge, to the insults and even violence of the populace. Letters were addressed to the Grand Lodge of England and the Chief Secretary of the Malta Government, by Bro. Leonard, of the Lodge of SS. John and Paul, but the effect of such remonstrances does not appear to have been entered on the records. To the end of 1850 the minutes of the proceedings in the three degrees were kept separately, but thenceforward a change was made, and the minutes were entered in the usual manner.

A singular mistake appears to have occurred at the meeting on the 1st March 1852, when a German brother, a member of the Zetland Lodge who was only an E.A.P., remained during a portion of the second ceremony, but it was remedied by the Brother being then and there passed. On the 15th May in this year, the Lodge, it seems, was opened in the degree of P.M., and five members admitted thereto, a record which is chiefly curious as showing till how comparatively recent a period the practice of conferring this degree lasted. Another curious custom is noted, that of allowing brethren to vote by proxy at the election of W. Master, a resolution to this effect having been adopted in December 1851.

The influx of troops into the Island at the time of the Crimean war, caused an extra activity in this and the other Lodges, and several officers were elected, one of them being Lieut.-Col. (afterwards General) Dalrymple, C.B. In the autumn of 1856, a Masonic Ball was held, with a view to raising funds for the Charities of the Lodges, and erecting a memorial to those brethren of the Island who fell during that gallant struggle. About this time, too, we meet with the names of two brethren, that are familiar to all English Craftsmen, namely, Captain N. G. Philips and Lieut.-Colonel, then Captain, Shadwell H. Clerke, our present Grand Secretary. Both won golden opinions from the Craft, and the latter remained long enough to occupy the chair of the Lodge, and very much it prospered under his hands. A curious circumstance is mentioned in connection with this distinguished brother. During his Mastership of St. John and St. Paul, a Captain E. C. Johnson, of the Rifle Brigade, was initiated and passed, but did not receive the third degree till 1876, or after an interval of sixteen years, when it was conferred upon him in the Bavard, No. 1615, in the presence of Lieut.-Colonel Clerke and Colonel R. Douglas, to whom he was mainly indebted for such Masonic light as he had previously received.

Another and still more distinguished brother—the Earl of Limerick, P.G.M. Bristol, then Viscount Glentworth—was initiated in the Lodge in February 1861, while of local brethren of high repute we notice Bro. Edwards, M.D., who in 1863 succeeded Archdeacon Burrows as D.G.M.; Bro. William Kingston, the present holder of the D.G. Mastership; his Deputy, Bro. Rosenbusch, and a former Deputy, namely, the learned author himself, Bro. Broadley. During the Mastership of the Hon. W. Hylton Jolliffe, the Lodge was visited by Sir W. W. Wynn Bart., M.P., P.G.M. North Wales and Shropshire; and somewhat later, the Lodge took part in the presentation of a beautifully-illuminated address to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., to which a gracious answer was vouchsafed. It was during this visit that an emergent meeting was held, at which Lord Suffield P.G.M. Norfolk, and Lord Carington were present as visitors; and Earl De La Warr, Bro. W. Howard Russell, LL.D., the well-known *Times* correspondent, and others were initiated. If to what we have already noticed we add that in 1877 the Lodge favourably recom-

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mended the petition of certain brethren for the constitution of Lodge "Ancient Carthage," which meets at Tunis, and that St. John and St. Paul, with a roll of sixty-nine members, is in an eminently prosperous condition, we shall have said all that need be said of the premier Lodge of the District of Malta.

The next Lodge, the Union of Malta, was constituted early in 1831, as No. 859. The year following it became No. 558, and in 1863 received its present number, 407. The first Worshipful Master was Bro. Peter Hepburn. This, too, would seem to have enjoyed a career, not indeed wholly unchequered, yet on the whole satisfactory. A very unusual incident is quoted as having occurred at the meeting of the 6th April 1841, when a candidate, "duly prepared and admitted into the Lodge, refused to proceed, and was therefore dismissed, after taking a serious obligation to secrecy." In 1843 the members of this Lodge, which met at Senglea, were much inconvenienced by the Bishop of Malta's pastoral letter, denouncing Freemasonry, to which reference has already been made. Copy of the letter addressed to Grand Secretary, which was to be laid before the Grand Master, is given. Towards the end of the year following occurs another singular entry in the minutes—namely, "To prevent the visits of improper persons, the body of brothers may have the faculty of demanding ten pounds as a visiting fee, which they may reduce to two shillings and not less." We may note that the practice we have alluded to of conferring the degree of Past Master was also adopted in this Lodge, it being mentioned that on one occasion seven brethren received the degree, the fee paid by each being five shillings.

That in Malta the military element should become conspicuous in all the Lodges is a matter of course, and the 42nd Highlanders—the famous Black Watch—would seem to have greatly favoured the Union. Moreover, at the time when there was every prospect of war breaking out with Russia, and among other troops the brigade of Guards was quartered here, many of its officers either joined or were initiated in it, among the former being the Earl of Rosslyn—then Lord Loughborough—Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland—and among the latter the Earl of Annesley. On their return to England these officers presented a handsome Bible, with Square and Compasses in silver attached to it, bearing the following inscription:—"The Union of Malta Lodge, No. 588. Presented by the Brigade of Guards, who were initiated into this, their mother Lodge, in March and April 1854."

Among other testimonials presented to the Lodge must be mentioned a splendid silver snuff-mull, mounted on a ram's head, and surmounted by a Malta Cross, the gift of Bro. Captain Drummond, of the Black Watch, who filled the chair of Master in 1846-7. The horns are described as being tipped with silver, while six Masonic emblems are attached by chains of that metal to the ends of the Cross. The following is the inscription on the massive box in the centre:—"Presented to the Brethren by H. M. Drummond, Captain 42nd Highlanders, of Megginch Castle, Perthshire, as a mark of esteem and respect for a body over whom he presided for nearly two years. 20th December 1848." We may add that one of the most distinguished members of this Lodge is Bro. Kingston District Grand Master, who was initiated in the year 1857, while, as showing how prosperous the Lodge must have been, thirty-two candidates were initiated in the year 1847; in 1849 seventy-six brethren either joined or were initiated, and during the four years 1850-3 sixty-nine candidates were initiated. In further evidence of this Bro. Broadley mentions that prior to the decease of Bro. Gardiner, who was Worshipful Master in 1848-9, the half-yearly dues remitted to Grand Lodge amounted to £41, and a special request was made "that it should be clearly shown in the report of Grand Lodge to be a half year's dues, to show to the brethren of the Union, now scattered over the world, how their mother Lodge is flourishing." For this reason it is that we regret that every here and there we should have to be told that the minutes for such a year or such a period are missing, or were not compiled.

(To be continued).

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Institution for Boys met last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall. The brethren present were Bros. William Boebuck (in the chair), George J. Row, Donald M. Dewar, Leopold Ruf, Arthur E. Gladwell, A. J. Duff-Filer, J. G. Chancellor, A. M. Broadley, H. Massey, W. Gurton, W. H. Saunders, Richard Tyrrell, Rev. Richard Morris, LL.D. (Head Master), F. Adlard, George J. Palmer, Alfred Williams, and F. Binckes (Secretary). The immediate business of the meeting was unnecessarily delayed through the intervention of Bro. Gladwell, who animadverted strongly on a paragraph which appeared in these columns on the 15th January. The chairman good-naturedly allowed our worthy brother to say what we may fairly presume was the bulk of what he intended to say, and the business on the agenda paper was then begun, and ended in complete harmony. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the minutes of the House Committee were read for information. The Audit Committee's Report was read and adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The minutes of the Quarterly Court were read, and the Chairman was authorised to sign £1500 worth of cheques in discharge of tradesmen's bills, which would be certified by the Audit Committee. Three outfits, of £5 each, were granted to former pupils of the School, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

[Those who care to know what it was which so disturbed the equanimity of Bro. Gladwell, that he could not even postpone his explosion of temper till after the minutes of the previous Committee Meeting had been read and confirmed, will find it at p 51, in our issue of 15th January of the current year.—Ed. F.C.]

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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FORTITUDE AND OLD CUMBERLAND LODGE, No. 12.

THE installation meeting of this ancient Banner Lodge was held on the 7th inst., at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, and was attended by a numerous assemblage of members and visitors, viz., Bros. Richardson W.M. 1861, G. Stransome 360, A. Thomas P.M. 1446, Dewar P.M. 1415, Iron J.W. 1579, Vaughan 861, W. G. Barnes W.M. 66, Soppet P.M. 1627, Dr. Ramsay P.M. 259, F. Binckes P.G.S., W. M. Stiles P.M. 1732, G. A. Berkeley 108, Cozens 907, A. Thomas, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The chair was occupied by Bro. Mower W.M., R. Coombs S.W., E. B. Kidder J.W., L. Ruf P.M. Treasurer, A. Snelgrove P.M. Secretary, W. J. Bedell S.D., Buttenbach J.D., Matthews I.G., Pigache D.C.; P.M.'s G. Angold, W. B. Kidder, A. Lilley, Dudley Rolls, D. Nicols, Lemaitre, Snelgrove, Sidney Rolls. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Brother Coombs S.W. and W.M. elect was presented and duly installed into the chair by Bro. E. E. B. Kidder, who performed the ceremony in a very perfect and impressive manner, and was warmly congratulated by the brethren and visitors at its conclusion. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to custom, and he appointed and invested his Officers: H. Mower I.P.M., E. E. B. Kidder S.W., J. Bedell J.W., L. Ruf re-elected for the 16th time Treasurer, A. Snelgrove P.M. Secretary, D. Matthews S.D., G. Pigache J.D., Jones I.G., Marsh Tyler. The W.M. said his first duty was a pleasing one; it was to present Bro. Mower, the I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel. This he was essentially worthy of; the zeal and assiduity he had displayed were most commendable; while the able manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair left nothing to be desired. He hoped he might live long to wear it. Bro. Mower, in suitable terms, returned thanks for the valuable gift so gracefully presented to him at the hands of the W.M. After the usual routine work, Lodge was closed, and the brethren, thirty-nine in number, sat down to a sumptuous and *récherché* banquet and dessert, provided by Bros. C. and A. Painter. The new W.M. most ably presided, and proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. The National Anthem and God Bless the Prince of Wales being respectively given. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Grand Officers, stated that one of their P.M.'s—Bro. Raynham W. Stewart—was a Past G.D. All would regret the absence of that worthy brother, through indisposition. Bro. Bedell here sang an excellent song. Bro. H. Mower I.P.M. next rose; he said he thought they were all creatures of desire. When he became a Mason he desired to become a Master; so he supposed did the W.M.; and he had achieved his ambition. He would call on the brethren and Visitors to wish him a successful year of office. Bro. Cozens having sung a very humorous song, the W.M. thanked Bro. Mower for his kind remarks; that night, above all other nights, was the great one of his life. Theirs was not a large Lodge. In point of number, they were limited to 40 members; but they had good and honoured members of the Craft associated with them, men who had passed the chair in the Lodge with honour. We are proud of them, and we trust they will be among us for many years. Bro. Arthur Thomas sang an Italian bravuria, with castanet accompaniment. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, and called on Bro. Dr. Ramsay to respond. This worthy brother said he hoped he should embody the sentiments of the Visitors when he said they all should have regretted not being present that day had they missed the opportunity of hearing how ably Bro. Kidder had performed the ceremony of installation, while the genial manner in which the W.M. had presided showed that he was the right man in the right place. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters, and mentioned their names *seriatim*. Each of them had worked, not only for the good of the Lodge, but also for the good of Freemasonry in general; all had done their duty admirably. He would call on his old friend Bro. Mower to respond. After a tenor song by Bro. Pigache, which was excellently rendered, Bro. H. Mower replied to the toast. He was much gratified at the manner in which it had been proposed and received; he knew he might safely say that if any member of the Lodge required the assistance of the Past Masters, they would always be ready and willing to give it. The W.M. now, by unanimous wish of the brethren, sang a capital song, his own composition, which was deservedly applauded. The toast of the Installing Master Bro. Kidder P.M. was next on the list. Those who had heard Bro. Kidder in the *role* he had so ably filled that evening could but have been pleased with the perfect manner in which he had carried out the ceremony. Among those present were many W.M.'s, who could testify to the ability he had displayed. Bro. Kidder, in an able speech, returned thanks. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary; he could tell them that Bro. Ruf P.M. had conscientiously acted as Treasurer for sixteen years, and it was to him the Lodge was indebted for its creature comforts. Bro. Dudley Rolls P.M. is also a valuable assistant, while as to Bro. A. Snelgrove Past Master and Secretary no better Mason could be found. He (the Worshipful Master) hoped they would be spared for many years to continue their able services; no better Officers could be secured. Bro. Cozens again delighted the brethren, and then Bro. Ruf P.M. replied. As the W.M. had said, he had been Treasurer for sixteen years; he was proud to acknowledge, and thank Bro. Dudley Rolls for, much valuable assistance. Bro. Dudley Rolls said he was proud to act as assistant to such a worthy Past Master and Treasurer; all he could say was, that his services were at the command of the Lodge. Bro. A. Snelgrove felt it an honour to be associated with two such brethren; he hoped to be with them to help them to carry out their respective duties for many years. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Masonic Charities; it was astonishing to see the enormous amounts contri-

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buted by the brethren to these Charities. Bro. Binckes had handed him a statement, showing that nearly £1000 per week had been collected for the Charities during the past year. In years gone by it would have been thought fabulous that such large sums could ever have been raised. He mentioned how many candidates there were receiving the benefits of the three Institutions, and said he would act as Steward for the Girls' School, while Bro. Walker would serve as Steward for the Boys'. As Bro. Binckes, the excellent Secretary of the latter Institution, was present, he would call on him to respond. Bro. Binckes said it was correct that the sum of £50,000, or nearly so, had been subscribed during the last year; thus, notwithstanding the depression of trade, which latter fact was too patent to be looked upon as a mere figure of speech, it was intensely gratifying to know the Institutions had not suffered. However, he must remind those present that the claims on them had materially increased. He had a Festival twelve years ago, when it was represented to him that the sum of £3600, which he then secured, was thought to be a great effort. On behalf of those associated with him in the Masonic Institutions, he begged to return his sincere thanks. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Officers. Bros. Kidder, Bedell, and Pigache were all good working Masons, and he hoped to see each occupy the chair. Bros. Kidder, Bedell, Matthews, Pigache, and Jones severally responded. The W.M. said he thought it was a duty incumbent on them to drink to the health of Bro. W. Raynham Stewart, a Past Master of the Lodge and a Grand Officer. Bro. Stewart had been ill for fourteen days, but he trusted he might be spared, and soon appear among them. He was sure the brethren all would join in wishing him a speedy return to health. The Tyler was then summoned, and the final toast was given.

PHŒNIX LODGE, No. 173.

THE Fourth Annual Ball of the members of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 8th instant, under the presidency of Bro. James Blyth W.M., who was assisted by an efficient array of P.M.'s, and a committee, consisting of Bros. E. W. W. Allen I.P.M., T. J. Bentley, H. Conolly, A. Culverhouse, Captain Finch P.M., F. Foxley J.W., E. Filmer, W. Holcombe W.S., G. Garden, G. Gutterbrook I.G., S. S. Phillips P.M., F. H. Riddle, F. R. Vine P.M., and W. Williams, to whom every credit is due for his consideration for the comfort of the ladies and brethren. Bro. Hon. Secretary H. W. Davis also rendered good service. At the supper, which was a most essential feature of the evening's proceedings, Bro. Blyth the W.M. presided. He said there were but few toasts to be given on the occasion. First, he would call on them to drink to Her Majesty the Queen. The present might be considered a somewhat critical time. However, he felt there was a spirit of loyalty among all, but more especially so among Freemasons, and he felt proud to propose the toast. Bro. Allen P.M. said it was with great pleasure he proposed the health of their W.M. It was a great honour to be W.M. of a Lodge, but the one he presided over he might be especially proud of. They also were proud of their W.M., who might be said to be overflowing with charity. Bro. Blyth said he felt proud to be their W.M., and also President at this social gathering; he would quote a very old saying—he was pleased to be happy himself, and communicating happiness to others. Bro. Phillips P.M., in a humorous speech, proposed the toast of the Ladies. Bro. Davey responded, and then the brethren and ladies again repaired to the ball room, where dancing was resumed. Bro. Blyth, the W.M., who had so ably contributed to the enjoyment of the evening, also presented each Steward with a souvenir, consisting of an elegant shield, with a solid silver Phœnix, emblematic of the title of the Lodge. One little feature we have omitted. Before the W.M. left the chair, he asked the brethren present to drink to the health of Bro. Foxley; this was his natal day, and all the brethren wished him many happy returns of it. Bro. Foxley fluently responded to the compliment. Bros. Coote and Tinney's band, which was in attendance, gave unqualified satisfaction to all present at this most agreeable assembly.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE installation meeting of this popular Lodge took place on Tuesday last, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. The W.M. Bro. William Radcliffe presided; he was supported by a goodly number of Past Masters and members. Amongst the former body being the esteemed father of the Lodge, Bro. Douglas Drysdale; also Bros. Charles Greenwood (G. Sword Bearer) Treasurer, T. H. Lavers, John Laver, George Parsons, T. T. Pyecroft, Jas. Linsdell, Alfred Green, and Alfred Withers I.P.M. Amongst the visitors were Bros. R. F. Gould P.M. 92 S.G.D., C. Greenwood P.G.R. Surrey, E. C. Woodward P.M., B. E. Blasby W.M. 780, John B. Stevens W.M. 1627, Wainwright 34, A. Goldicutt late 211, Charles Maton 780, H. Nash 150, J. Coppen 1219, J. M. Wohlgemuth P.M. 916, H. W. Madeley 1543, G. King P.M. 172, W. Bonner P.M. 1348, W. Alexander 1348, John Case P.M. 190, John Glynes 1027, C. W. Bevis 511. The Lodge was opened at five o'clock, and the minutes of last meeting were read by Bro. W. W. Morgan the Hon. Secretary. In due course the W.M. opened the Lodge in the second degree, and Bro. P.M. T. H. Lavers introduced the Senior Warden and W.M. elect, Bro. John Waters, to receive the benefits of installation. Bro. Waters having given his assent to the requisite conditions of Mastership, Lodge was further advanced, and in due course a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and the ceremony proceeded with. On the re-admission of the brethren, the new Worshipful Master was saluted, and he appointed the following brethren his Officers:—Bros. Usher Back S.W., C. E. Young J.W., C. Greenwood P.M. G.S.B. Treasurer, W. W. Morgan Sec., F. J. Hentsch S.D., T. H. Peirce J.D., H. Green (by proxy) I.G., Martin Org., A. Withers P.M. D. of C., and C. T. Speight Tyler. Bro. W. Radcliffe, who had performed the ceremony throughout in a most perfect manner, then gave a forcible and very effective rendering of the several addresses to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren, and took his seat amidst the congratulations of the many distinguished brethren who were present. We must not omit to mention that the new W.M., in investing the Officers, addressed some forcible remarks to each as to what was expected of them in the discharge of their respective duties; these remarks were greatly relished for their originality and the earnestness with which they were offered. The Auditors had held their meeting the week previous, and a copy of the accounts will be placed in the hands of each of the members at an early date. The I.P.M. was presented with the jewel of the Lodge, the W.M. complimenting Bro. Radcliffe on the admirable way in which he had conducted the work of the past year; likewise on the ability he had shown as an Installing Master. After routine work, during which the names of two gentlemen were handed in as candidates to be proposed at the next meeting. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which, speaking from a pretty long experience, we do not hesitate to say was a magnificent one, in every way worthy of so famous an hostelry. On the removal of the cloth the accustomed Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, the responsibility of replying for that of the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past, being entrusted to Bro. Gould G.S.D., who acknowledged the compliment in a well considered speech. He pointed out that the services of the Earls of Carnarvon and Lathom in the interests of the Craft were recognised on all sides, so that the value of such services needed no embellishment at his hands. There were also, he remarked, among the Grand Officers several who, like Bros. Sir Albert Woods Grand Director of Ceremonies, Æneas McIntyre Grand Registrar, John Gibson Grand Supt. of Works, held, almost as a matter of course, life-long appointments, whose services were also appreciated as they deserved; and who, he trusted, would long remain to adorn the front rank of English Masonry. He also complimented the Worshipful Master in having been chosen to his high office by the unanimous voice of his fellow-members, and the I.P.M. on the ability he had displayed in the capacity of Installing Master. On Bro. Radcliffe, of course, devolved the agreeable duty of proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, whom he congratulated on his attainment of the chair, as well as on the ability he had already displayed during his brief tenancy of the office. Bro. Waters, in reply, thanked his predecessor for the kindly manner in which he had proposed his health, and all present for the heartiness with which they had received it. He hoped he should be found equal to the discharge of the important duties they had entrusted to him, and that during his period of office the St. Michael's Lodge would be as prosperous as it had been under his predecessors. The toast of the Visitors followed, and was responded to by Bros. Stevens, Blasby, and Bourne, Bro. C. Greenwood jun. adding a few words. With the toast of the Past Masters was associated the name of Bro. Radcliffe I.P.M., who took that opportunity of reiterating his thanks to the Lodge for the Past Master's jewel which had been presented to him earlier in the evening. He also thanked the brethren of St. Michael's generally for the kindly support they had extended to him during his Mastership. When Bro. Radcliffe resumed his seat, Bro. Pyecroft P.M. was presented with a Past Master's jewel which had been voted him by the Lodge for his services when occupying the chair, but which, owing to his inability to attend, had not been handed to him. Bro. Pyecroft in a few words expressed his thanks for so grateful an acknowledgment of his services as Master, and the other toasts having been given and responded to, the brethren rose and separated after a most agreeable evening had been passed, as old minute books are wont to record, "in perfect harmony." Of the ten Past Masters of the Lodge who were present—and whose presence may be regarded as indubitable evidence of the hearty good feeling which has always prevailed in the Lodge—one (Bro. Drysdale) occupied the chair for the first time as far back as 1849, while another (Bro. C. Greenwood) held the same position in 1855. We must not conclude our notice without mentioning that Bro. Radcliffe I.P.M. presented each member of the Lodge with a copy of its recently published history, the cost of reproducing which in book form from the columns of this journal was most generously undertaken by our worthy brother. We trust the deep interest thus exhibited by Bro. Radcliffe in the Lodge of which he is, and, we hope, will long remain, a most conspicuous member, will be appreciated by his fellow-members. For ourselves we thank him most cordially—as, indeed, we have already done in our brief preface to the history—for his kind assistance in placing at our disposal the materials necessary for the completion, as well as in suggesting and contributing, towards its reprint.

CHERWELL LODGE, No. 599.

THE Annual Festival of this Lodge was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Banbury, on 8th inst., upon which occasion Bro. W. P. Ellis was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Potts, Bro. Ellis afterwards appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. T. W. Holland I.P.M., J. S. Palmer S.W., C. Claridge J.W., Rev. A. W. Ayton P.M. Chaplain, R. Havers P.S.G.D. Treasurer, E. J. Hartley P.M. Secretary, W. H. Garland S.D., W. A. Samman J.D., Dr. Griffin P.M. D.C., T. Fowler and W. Chamberlin Stewards, H. Kilby I.G., T. Moss Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together, when Mr. Johnson catered in a style that does the highest credit to the cuisine of the Red Lion. The dinner was truly sumptuous, and was served up most admirably. The W.M. presented the wines.

Polish National Lodge, No. 534.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, W.C., when Bro. Dr. Jagielski the W.M. presided. Several matters of business were disposed of, and the Lodge having been closed, a most enjoyable evening was spent at the festive board.

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PRINCESS'S.—At 7.15, THAT BLESSED BABY and OTHELLO. On Monday, KING LEAR.

STRAND.—At 7.30, A SUMMER CLOUD. At 8, OLIVETTE.

COURT.—At 8, ADRIENNE LECOUVREUR.

ST. JAMES'S.— At 8, A SHEEP IN WOLF'S CLOTHING. At 9, THE MONEY SPINNER.

LYCEUM.—At 7.45, THE CUP. At 9.30, THE CORSICAN BROTHERS.

OLYMPIC.—At 7.30, THE DOWAGER. At 8.45, LOLA.

ADELPHI.—At 7.15, THE ILLUSTRIOUS STRANGER. At 8, THE GREEN BUSHES.

GAIETY.—At 7.10, OPERETTA. At 7.30, LITTLE MOTHER. At 8.30, FORTY THIEVES.

GLOBE.—At 7.30, THE GENIUS. At 8.15, LA BELLE NORMANDE.

CRITERION.—At 7.50, BRAVE HEARTS. At 8.45, WHERE'S THE CAT?

OPERA COMIQUE.—At 8, IN THE SULKS. At 8.45, THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE.

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, AULD ACQUAINTANCE. At 8.15, DIVORCE.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.45, IN HONOUR BOUND. At 8.30, THE COLONEL.

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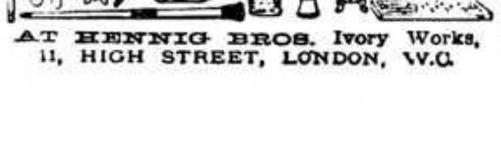
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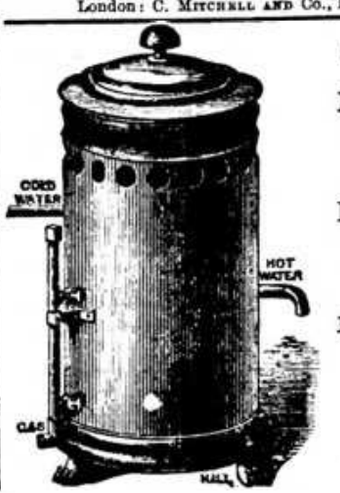
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GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A QUARTERLY communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, 3rd instant—Sir Michael R. Shaw, Bart., Grand Master Mason, on the throne. Bro. R. F. Shaw Stewart Senior Grand Warden was in his place, and Bro. Crombie, Aberdeen, Junior Grand Deacon, acted as Junior Grand Warden. Amongst the other brethren present were—the Earl of Mar and Kellie Depute Grand Master; Bros. D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary, David Kinnear Grand Cashier, Andrew Kerr Grand Architect, John S. Matheson Grand Jeweller, George Fisher Grand Bible Bearer, Major Hills Grand Director of Ceremonies, H. Y. D. Copland Grand Sword Bearer, James Turner President of the Board of Grand Stewards, W. M. Bryce Grand Tyler, Alexander Hay Proxy Provincial Grand Master of Jamaica and Greytown, William Mann Proxy District Grand Master of India, Dr. John Falconer Proxy Provincial Grand Master of New South Wales, with numerous other representatives from foreign Grand Lodges.

Grand Lodge having been properly constituted, the Grand Master made a suitable reference to the loss which Grand Lodge had sustained through the decease of Bro. the Rev. W. C. E. Jamieson, one of the Joint Grand Chaplains. Many of the brethren were, he said, better acquainted than he was with their departed Chaplain, but he had always understood that he was a very estimable and rising minister of the Church of Scotland. At any rate he knew, and most of the brethren knew, that Bro. Jamieson was kind, courteous, pleasant, and gentlemanly; and he little thought, when he had the pleasure of meeting him at last St. Andrew's Festival, that that kind and genial young man would no more be among them. He was sure the brethren all regretted his loss, not for his own sake, but for those he had left behind him; and he moved that Grand Lodge, through their Grand Secretary, should send to the bereaved widow an expression of their sincere sympathy and condolence. This was at once agreed to by Grand Lodge.

A statement was submitted of the accounts of the Grand Lodge for the year ending 30th November last, which showed an income of £3685, and expenditure amounting to £2285. The funds and estate amounted to £18,105, as compared with £16,705 last year, showing an increase during the year of £1400. During the period under report there had been 3763 intrants and affiliations. A statement of the accounts of the Masonic Benevolent Fund for the same period showed that about £400 had been distributed by the Committee in votes and casual charity in the course of the year, and that the Fund now stood at £5712, as compared with £5460 last year. During last quarter the grants had amounted to nearly £140. A vidimus of the income and expenditure of Grand Lodge for last quarter showed that the income had been £1291, and the expenditure £723, leaving an excess of income to the extent of £568. There had been 855 intrants to the Craft during that period.

It was reported that Bro. the Earl of Fife, acceding to the wishes of the brethren in Banff-shire, had agreed to allow himself to be nominated for appointment to the Provincial Grand Mastership of Banffshire; and Grand Lodge unanimously agreed to issue a commission in his Lordship's favour. On the recommendation of the Grand Lodge of Hamburgh, Bro. Dr. H. Goldstucker was appointed representative to that body, in room of Bro. Dr. De la Camp, deceased. It was agreed to accept the resignation of Bro. T. M. Reid of his office of Provincial Grand Master of Trinidad, and to thank him for his long-continued and highly valuable services. In forwarding his resignation, which was owing to pressure of business, Bro. Reid stated that Masonry in that colony was at present carried on more satisfactorily than he had known it for many years. It was resolved to exchange representatives with the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, U.S., and to appoint Bro. Past Grand Master James Hutchison as representative to that body. Bro. Dunas Filgueira was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Peru. On the petition of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the West India Islands and others, Bro. William M'Call Provincial Grand Senior Warden was unanimously appointed Provincial Grand Master, in room of Bro. the Hon. J. King Wattley, deceased. Grand Lodge ordered that charters be issued in favour of Lodges St. Clair (Kilwinning, Lyttleton, N.Z.), Breadalbane (Aberfeldy), and Rawcliffe (Rothesay). A report was submitted from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Peebles and Selkirk for the year 1880, which showed that the Lodges within the Province had been officially visited during the year, and found to be in good working order, and that otherwise the Provincial Grand Lodge was in a healthful condition. Satisfactory reports were also submitted from Sir Archibald C. Campbell, of Blythswood, and Captain Clavhill Henderson, of Invergowrie, Provincial Grand Masters of Renfrewshire East and Forfarshire, as to the condition of the Lodges in their respective Provinces.

Grand Lodge approved the minutes of committee in reference to complaints against the action of the office bearers of the Lodge the "Gael," Glasgow, and other brethren, for having issued and recommended a petition or "begging circular," which had been issued to Lodges both in and furth of Scotland and the Scotch Constitution. It had been stated in the Glasgow Provincial Grand Lodge, in defence of the "Gael," which Lodge was founded for the express purpose of rendering the mysteries of Freemasonry in "the native Gaelic tongue," that the liabilities of the Lodge which necessitated the circular were about £100. The Provincial Grand Lodge had expressed their strong disapproval of the conduct of the office bearers and other signatories of the letter, and expressed an opinion that a stop should be put to Lodges or brethren issuing begging letters or circulars, which were excessively derogatory to the Order. The Grand Committee had approved of this report, and recorded a vote of censure expressive of their reprehension of the course which had been adopted with reference to the petition; and their procedure was confirmed by Grand Lodge.

A report from the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India showed also that the Craft was prospering in that important region. The Special Committee on the designations of the Provinces of Berwick and Roxburgh shires and Peebles and Selkirk shires reported that the Grand Secretary had issued circulars to all the Lodges in these Provinces, but that only seven had replied; and, looking to the diversity of the views entertained, the Committee recommended that, seeing Grand Lodge had had this matter under consideration so very recently, and that the views of the Lodges in the above Provinces were not sufficiently matured, the last resolution should not in the meantime be altered. This was approved of. Grand Committee reported that they had on their table a report from the Hall Committee on a scheme for additional accommodation in Grand Lodge premises, which proposed an expenditure of about £300, in order to afford more perfect scope for the working of the several Masonic degrees, and greater accommodation for Lodge property and stores, the want of which had from time to time been subject of much general complaint.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of fifteen brethren to serve on the Grand Committee, in place of twelve who retired by rotation and three interim members. There were twenty-four brethren nominated, and the following were elected, with the undernoted votes:—Bros. R. F. Shaw Stewart, Edinburgh, 234; William Maclean, Glasgow, 200; Wm. Mann, Edinburgh, 181; Wm. Hay, Edinburgh, 178; Alex. Hay, Edinburgh, 176; Dr. James Carmichael, Edinburgh, 168; John Wilson, Edinburgh, 149; James Craig, Edinburgh, 149; James T. S. Elliot jun., of Wolfelee, 142; Jas. Berry, Carnoustie, 140; H. Munro, Edinburgh, 137; W. Niven, Edinburgh, 125; Alexander Henry, Edinburgh, 121; Colonel J. T. Stewart, Glasgow, 120; J. D. Duncan, Glasgow, 111.

After disposing of some other business, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form after about two hours of a sederunt.

JAMAICA.

Royal Keystone Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 240.—The installation meeting was held on Monday, the 20th December last, at Freemasons' Hall, Hanover-street, Kingston. The Rt. Wor. Bro. Altamont De Cordora Prov. G. Warden (in the absence of the Master, through illness) being the Installing Master. The Master elect, Bro. E. X. Leon, S.W. of the Lodge and Prov. Grand Secretary, having been presented, was duly installed in the chair of A., appointing and investing the following brethren as Officers of his administration:—Bros. G. J. Sargeant Prov. G.M.O. I.P.M., B. Stines jun. Prov. G.J.O. S.W., T. N. Aguilar Prov. G. Steward J.W., T. Demetrius M.O., M. W. Simpson S.O., A. P. Alberga J.O., W. C. Hendriks Treasurer, Wm. R. Ryder Secretary, F. J. Fryer R. of Marks, A. Tripe S.D., F. J. Ward J.D., C. McL. Keer Director of Ceremonies, Gen. Levy I.G., J. Hoyes Tyler. Letters of application to be advanced were read from Bros. C. L. Campbell and C. W. Sherlock, who, having been put to the ballot, were elected. Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where they sat until midnight, spending a most agreeable evening. Bro. E. X. Leon, the present Master, is the founder of this Lodge, which is at present the only Mark Lodge in the Province that is in good working order. It numbers over thirty members, and meets regularly every quarter.

Sussex Lodge, No. 354.—At the ordinary meeting of this Lodge, held at Sussex Hall, Kingston, on Wednesday evening, the 19th January, there being present a goodly number of Past Masters and brethren of the sister Lodges, Bro. A. H. Jones J.W. and Master elect was installed Master for the ensuing year, the retiring Master, Bro. J. Harris, most ably performing the ceremony. The following brethren were then invested as office bearers:—Wor. Bros. J. Harris I.P.M., D. P. Ross, M.D., S.W., H. Priest J.W., G. G. H. Waldron Treasurer, G. G. Cox Secretary, J. C. Ford S.D., E. S. Sanguinette J.D., K. A. W. Holwell I.G., A. De Montagwas and F. L. Sanguinette Stewards, G. Magnus Tyler. The visitors were afterwards entertained by the brethren of the Sussex Lodge at a sumptuous banquet.

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YORK LODGE, No. 236.

THE annual meeting for the Audit of the Accounts took place on Wednesday, 2nd inst. Lodge was opened at 7 o'clock by the W.M., Bro. M. Rooke, who was supported by a number of his officers and brethren. The Balance Sheet was presented by Bro. J. Todd P.M. P.P.G.R., and having been examined, was pronounced to be eminently satisfactory. After the close of the Lodge, the brethren met at supper, ample provision having been made under the supervision of the Tyler, Bro. Calvert. The cloth having been removed, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Alderman G. Brown then gave the toast of the R.W. Prov. G. Master, and the P.G. Lodge. He said that it had been his privilege on the last occasion of the meeting of Prov. G. Lodge in York to afford some entertainment in the Mansion House, which he then had the honour to occupy, and he was sure that his opinion of their chief was that of all who had seen him presiding in Lodge, that he used his best efforts in the cause of Masonry, and nobly succeeded. Bro. A. Buckle P.M. Past Grand Deacon, responded, and said that he was certainly proud of the purple which had been conferred upon him, more especially as it brought him into closer association with those brethren who were standing up with him, and because he felt that in him the York Lodge had been honoured. The S.W., Bro. J. S. Rymer, gave the health of the W.M., who had already set them, during his short term of office, so good an example, and whose health he was so glad to see restored to him. The W.M. briefly responded, assuring the brethren that he should spare no pains to do his duty by the Lodge in all respects. Bro. Buckle then gave the toast of the evening, the health of the Treasurer of the Lodge. He dwelt upon Bro. Todd's many excellent Masonic qualities, and said that in him the successive rulers of the Lodge had always and would always find a friend and counsellor. Bro. Todd, in replying, made some reference to the finances, which he was glad to be able to show were in so healthy a condition. He then spoke of the Masonic Charities, and said that their Bro. the Dean of York was going up as Steward to the Benevolent Festival, and he hoped the Lodge would be able to vote a sum to his list. He (Bro. Todd) hoped to represent the Lodge at the Girls' Festival, and trusted he would receive the support of the Lodge and brethren. He then gave a sketch of the work of the Lodge during the past year, and showed that it had contributed a total sum to the Charities of over £100. Bro. T. B. Wytehead P.M. P.P.G.D.C. gave the toast of the Past Masters of the Lodge. He said that since the time he had become a joining member of the Lodge, about seven years ago, there had been a succession of Masters who had done their duty with the utmost credit to themselves and the Lodge; and if such conscientious workers could always be secured or the chairs of other Lodges, Masonry would be in a much better position than at present. He was entirely at one with his brother (Bro. Todd) on the Charities question, and was delighted at the substantial work of the Lodge. He trusted that great care, however, would be exercised in the admission of candidates into Masonry, for from several matters which had lately transpired, as well as from the number of applicants for the benefits of the Institutions, it was too patent that men were joining their ranks for the sake of what they and theirs could get out of Masonry. Such a condition of affairs, if not discouraged, would prove most damaging to the W.M. Bro. W. H. Gainforth I.P.M. responded, and was followed by Bro. G. Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O., who proposed the Officers of the Lodge. The S.W. replied, and shortly afterwards the proceedings were brought to a close. During the evening songs, duets and glees were sung by Bros. J. Todd, G. Kirby, W. Smith, G. R. Hitchcock, J. Stead, M. Smith, and others, Bro. Tuke Org. presiding at the piano. Among those present, in addition to the brethren already named were Bros. Sir James Meek P.M., G. Garbett S.D., W. Powell I.G. W. Nicholson, J. Young, W. T. Gowland, G. C. Lee, C. Kearsley, J Welburn and J. G. Turner.

Joppa Lodge, No. 188.—A meeting of the members of this old and flourishing Lodge was held on Monday evening, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, under the presidency of Bro. Richard Baker W.M., who was supported by Bros. Lewis M. Meyer S.W., I. Benjamin J.W., Lewis Lazarus P.M., M. L. Alexander P.M., A. G. Dodson P.M., Henry Hymans I.P.M., Israel Abrahams P.M., S. L. Hickman P.M., E. P. Albert Past Grand Pur. Secretary, W. Baum I.G., A. Botibol and Lewis Wall Stewards, George Bean D.C., Van Noorden Organist, J. T. Woodstock Tyler; B. J. Hart, W. J. Gardiner, Isaac Botibol, S. Genese, &c. Visitors—Bros. A. M. Broadley P.D.D.G. Master Malta P.M. 1717, &c., A. Abrahams 205, R. Baker, L. Norden P.M. 205, H. J. Phillips W.M. 205, H. Meyer (Hamburg), Asher L. Meyer 185, Charles Bellerby 1612, H. M. Appleton 861, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, William Wyatt (Brant Lodge, No. 45, Ontario, Canada), H. P. Isaac I.P.M. 1693, George A. Fletcher W.M. 180, &c. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, certain candidates for acceptance into Freemasonry, who had been balloted for and elected, were initiated into the mysteries of the first degree. Application for relief was made by a distressed brother, and the Bye-laws of the Lodge Benevolent Fund, which forbids a higher amount than half-a-guinea being given, was in this instance suspended, and the sum of two guineas was voted unanimously. Certain propositions relating to the Bye-laws of the Benevolent Fund, which, of course, are interesting only to the Lodge members, came under consideration. We may state, however, that a proposal for dispensing with one of the formularies peculiar to this Lodge was most ably argued at some length, and in the result, an amendment for modifying the particular formulary was accepted. Lodge having been closed, and it being an off-night, the brethren sat down to a very quiet repast, after which the customary toasts were honoured. It was announced in connection with that of the Initiates, that each of them—including those initiated at a previous meeting, there were eight in all—had presented a guinea to the Benevolent Fund, and further that the Fund amounted to between £900 and £1,000. Bro. Broadley P.D.D.G.M. Malta, in replying for the Visitors, spoke in eloquent terms of the work that was being done in his District, especially in the classic neighbourhood around Tunis, where ancient Carthage once reared its proud head, and where the Lodge of "Ancient Carthage" now meets. He also heartily congratulated the Lodge on the efficient manner in which the duties of the evening had been carried out, and the enthusiasm exhibited by all present. It is needless to say that the toast of the W.M. experienced a very hearty reception. The Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 8th February, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Wardell W.M., Clark S.W., Christian J.W., Dignam S.D., Larter J.D., Catling I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor, Smyth Treasurer; also Bros. Brasted, Edwards, Collins, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Edwards, a candidate for passing, was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. The Lodge was opened in the third, and resumed to the second, when the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. P.M. Wallington, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Wardell acting as W.M. The investiture of Officers followed, and Bro. P.M. Wallington gave the customary addresses in a very able manner. Bro. Edwards assisted Bro. C. Lorkin to work the first section of the lecture. Bro. Clark was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form. We are glad to hear that Bro. P.M. Wallington has been able to resume his Preceptorship. Illness has prevented his attendance for the last four weeks. The Fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday, 22nd inst. Bro. Webb P.M. 1607 and 177 will preside. Brethren are invited to attend.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 8th inst., at the Moorgate Tavern, 15 Finsbury-pavement. Present—Bros. H. C. Sanders W.M., Holness S.W., Halestrap J.W., J. L. Mather Preceptor, C. G. Sparrow Sec., Medwin S.D., Conchman I.G., and several others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Button candidate. Bro. J. L. Mather then took the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. H. C. Sanders the W.M. elect of the Mother Lodge acting as candidate. Bro. Holness was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge closed and adjourned.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Meeting at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, the 3rd instant. Present:—Bros. G. Coop W.M., J. Green S.W., C. E. Porter J.W., Hamilton S.D., A. Jones J.D., T. Smith I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, J. Wells Secretary, H. Stephens, E. C. Botley, F. Botley, G. S. Wright, C. Bellerby. The work of the evening comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. G. S. Wright candidate. Lodge was opened in second and third degrees, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. C. E. Botley candidate. Bro. J. Green was appointed W.M. for the 17th inst. The Officers of the mother Lodge occupied their respective places on the 10th inst. The regular meeting of the Lodge will be held this day (Saturday).

Trinity College Lodge, No. 1765.—The regular meeting was held on the 3rd instant, at No. 13 Mandeville-place, under the presidency of Bro. J. A. Hammond W.M., Stark S.W., Dr. Keene J.W., Gabriel Treas., J. Stedman L.Mus. Secretary, Hoare S.D., B. Turner J.D., G. F. Hammond I.G., W. J. Jennings Organist, A. W. Hoare Steward, G. Harrison Tyler; P.M. Professor E. Lott P.P.G.J.W. Jersey. The Visitors were—Bros. A. J. Muckelow 1658, F. Corder 732, Shand W.M. 1563, Taylor 1865, Tate 1653, Ward 1563, J. Docker W.M. 1687, T. Loring 171, F. Ward, A. W. Williams P.M. 1509, F. Low 181, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. John Mills; being unanimous in his favour, he was duly initiated. The resignation of a brother was accepted, with regret. The W.M. stated the Lodge had now been in existence three years, and he felt great pleasure in announcing that he would act as a Steward at the Anniversary Festival for the Boys' School; he hoped the brethren would support him. The W.M. then gave a very excellent account of the Charities, and Bro. Turner J.D. stated that Bro. Ridpath would give ten guineas, to be placed on the list of the Worshipful Master. The brethren also voted the sum of ten guineas from the funds. The name of a candidate for initiation was announced by the Secretary. Lodge was closed until the first Tuesday in March. The brethren afterwards partook of a cold collation and dessert, provided by Messrs. Withers and Englefield. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. A new overture, composed by Bro. Stark, was played by Bros. Stark and Turner. It received great applause for its artistic merits. Bro. Professor E. Lott I.P.M. then rose; he had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the W.M.; all respected and were proud of him; the duties of his office were ably fulfilled, and he (the speaker) was sure they would continue so to be. After a song —"The Sea Rover"—by Bro. Frank Ward, the W.M. returned thanks; Bro. Lott had said they ought to be proud of him; he might say in return he was proud of them. He had heartily to thank the brethren for placing him in his present position. In proposing the toast of the Initiate, the W.M. said that Bro. Mills was a very old friend of his; if he was as good a Mason as he had proved himself a friend, the Craft would be proud of him. The E.A. Song was sung by Bro. Turner. Bro. Stark then delighted the brethren with the overture

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to "William Tell," which he played on the organ in a most vigorous and effective manner. The newly-initiated Brother, in appropriate terms responded to the toast; he trusted he should fully carry out the W.M.'s kind anticipations. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors; they were all pleased to see them; he would call on Bro. Williams P.M. 1509 and Bro. J. E. Shand W.M. 1563 to respond. After a very excellent tenor song from Bro. Stedman—"The Shades of Evening"—Bros. Williams and Shand responded, expressing their appreciation of the great Masonic treat they had participated in, and thanking the Lodge for its excellent hospitality and musical entertainment. The P.M.'s were next honoured, and after a pianoforte solo by Bro. A. W. S. Hoare, Bro. Professor E. Lott I.P.M. responded in a very appropriate speech. After a splendid basso song by Bro. Stanley Smith, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Officers and Wardens. He regretted the absence of the Junior Warden, through illness. The S.W. of the Lodge however was present, and with his name he would couple the toast. Bro. Hoare sang "Simon the Cellarer." After a response from the S.W., who remarked that the excellent working of the W.M. would be an incentive to those whom he had appointed, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated.

King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—A regular meeting to was held on 30th ult., at Bro. Devine's, Blue Posts, Char tte-street, Fitzroy Square. There were present Bros. Burgess W.M., B. Kauffmann S.W., Birrell J.W., Devine Treas., L. Jacobs as Sec., L. Solomon S.D., Harvey J.D., Proctor I.G., Hemmings Preceptor; also Bros. Guyer, J. Edwards, H. L. Phillips, H. M. Levy, N. Vallentine, Smith, Lambourne, &c. After preliminaries, the second and third sections of the first lecture were worked, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. H. L. Phillips acting as candidate. Bro. Kauffman was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

ROYAL ARCH.

Prudent Brethren Chapter, No. 145.—The regular convocation of this Chapter was held on the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. Comps. Venn M.E.Z., Haslett H., Braine J., E. Moody P.Z. S.E., N. Headon S.N., Leggott P.S., T. Bull P.Z. Treas., Moon 2nd Assist. Soj., Warrington, Cox, and E. H. Thiellay. The Chapter was opened and the minutes of the former convocation were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. Defriez 45, who was duly exalted into R.A. Masonry. The ceremony was perfectly and impressively worked by the M.E.Z., the H., J. and other officers likewise being perfect in knowledge of their duties. After the Chapter was closed, the Companions sat down to a very excellent banquet, supplied by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Comp. Dawkins. The M.E.Z. ably presided, and proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Complimentary speeches were in the ascendant, and a very agreeable time was passed. Comp. Green Z. 795 was present as a Visitor.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—A weekly convocation of this eminent Chapter of Improvement was held on Tuesday evening, 8th February, at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, and was very numerously attended. The respective offices were filled as follows:—Companions Edmonds Z., Higgins H., Lardner J., F. Brown S.E. and Preceptor, M'Donall Sec., J. S. Fraser P.S., and the following Companions:—Lovegrove, Kirke, W. Fraser, Rowe, Sayer, Coden, Greenwood, Webb, H. Thompson, W. Green, Clement, Walker, F. T. Pocock and S. H. Parkhouse. After the confirmation of the minutes of last Convocation, it was announced that the ceremony of exaltation was about to be rehearsed, upon which Comp. Walker expressed his willingness to act as candidate. The ceremony was most ably performed, and elicited the warmest marks of approval, all the Officers being most efficient in the performance of their duties. This being election night the following Officers were appointed for the next fortnight:—Lardner Z., Edmonds H., H. J. Payne J., M'Donall S.N., Pocock P.S. Comp. F. Brown S.E. proposed that Comps. F. E. Pocock of the Ezra Chapter 1489 and S. H. Parkhouse of the Earl of Carnarvon Chapter 1642 become members of this Chapter of Improvement, and they were unanimously elected. Afterwards they severally returned thanks for the unanimity with which they had been received as members, and expressed the gratification they experienced at the very admirable manner in which the ceremony of exaltation had been performed that evening, and their anxious desire to be present as often as possible, and receive the instruction the Chapter was so well able to afford. It was announced that Comp. Stephens would rehearse the ceremony of installation of Principals on the third Tuesday in March, and as these ceremonies are seldom rehearsed in a Chapter of Instruction, a great attendance of advanced Arch Masons is anticipated.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Nervous Debility.—No part of the human machine requires more watching than the nervous system—upon it hangs health and life itself. These Pills are the best regulators and strengtheners of the nerves, and the safest general purifiers. Nausea, headache, giddiness, numbness, and mental apathy yield to them. They despatch in a summary manner those distressing dyspeptic symptoms, stomachic pains, fulness at the pit of the stomach, abdominal distension, and overcome both capricious appetites and confined bowels—the commonly accompanying signs of defective or deranged nervous power. Holloway's Pills are particularly recommended to persons of studious and sedentary habits, who gradually sink into a nervous and debilitated state, unless some such restorative be occasionally taken.

We are not prepared to say that Bro. Gladwell has resolved himself into a Committee of Safety for the purpose of protecting the members of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys from the assaults of the world at large, and the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE in particular. He did, however, assume some such *rôle* at the Committee Meeting of Saturday last. No sooner had a chairman been elected, than Bro. Gladwell—who would seem to have been almost on the point of boiling over with ill-restrained impetuosity—rose and drew attention to certain remarks of ours as to certain statements made at the last Quarterly Court of the Institution. The Chairman, Bro. Roebuck, very kindly allowed our worthy brother to rid himself in greater part of the burden under which he has been labouring for the past two or three weeks, and then suggested, with a propriety which none will question, that Bro. Gladwell's grievance formed no part of the business proceedings of the day. Most of those present concurred in this opinion, and Bro. Gladwell was so considerate as to permit himself to subside into absolute silence as to the course he was anxious should be adopted against this journal. It is clear to us that Bro. Gladwell is ill at ease in the novel character he has assumed, or else he must have been unfortunate enough to enact it for the first time in the presence of a sadly inappreciative audience. We had indulged in the hope that, after visiting and personally consulting us on the matter, and after we had shown him every consideration in our power, he would have seen the advisability of saying nothing. However, the only sufferer appears to have been the agenda paper, and possibly there may have been a slight delay in the discussion of that refreshment which customarily follows the transaction of important business. We shall always be pleased to meet Bro. Gladwell and offer him advice in any matter on which he may desire to consult us. Meanwhile, we commend to his notice a certain proverb, in which the relative merits of speech and silence are very clearly defined, the former as being "silvern," while the latter is "golden."

ABOUT THE PHILADELPHIA QUESTION.—Bro. J. Norton writes:—"Had the Philadelphia Masons been legitimatised in 1732 or 1734, Philadelphia would not have played second fiddle to Boston as late as 1749."

GOETHE AS A FREEMASON.—Herr Pietsch, of Leipzig, has just published a full and annotated edition of his interesting essay on Goethe as a Freemason ("Johann Wolfgang von Goethe als Freimaurer"), which he delivered as a festival oration at the Goethe Centenary, on 23rd June 1880. Very few persons, even amongst Goethe's biographers, knew that the great poet belonged to the Order; and even the few who were aware of the fact will learn many details that are new to them from Herr Pietsch's diligent researches into Goethe's relations with the Brotherhood and his Masonic activity. It was on the 13th January 1780, at the close of his tour in Switzerland with the Duke Karl August, of Weimar, that the poet first applied for reception, and his application was made to the Master of the Amalia Lodge, Baron von Fritsch, Goethe's special adversary at the Court of Weimar. Herr Pietsch prints the letter of application. In it the poet says he has been moved to apply for admission into the Fraternity in order that by acquiring the title and privileges of a Freemason he may come into closer contact with a number of eminent persons whom he has learned to esteem. "This social feeling alone," he adds, "has moved me to ask for reception." As an Apprentice, the great poet was most zealous and painstaking in the fulfilment of his duties, and co-operated actively in assisting the needy and distressed, as, for instance, at the conflagration at Gross-Brembach. "Masonic echoes," says Herr Pietsch, "are to be detected in all the works written by Goethe after the year 1780, and particularly in his letters to Charlotte von Stein. On the 5th of February 1782 Goethe and his Sovereign, the Duke Karl August, were admitted at the same time to the degree of Master Mason. Strife afterwards arose, and the Amalia Lodge was suspended from 1783 to 1808. In 1810 Goethe was nominated Master of the Lodge, but he declined the honour with so much decision that the offer was not repeated. He frequently officiated, however, as Orator (Redner). On the 23rd of June 1830 he celebrated his fifty years' jubilee as a Mason. The address delivered to him by the Amalia Lodge on this occasion is printed in its entirety by Herr Pietsch.—*Globe.*

G. T. T.—The law is absolute on the subject. A brother must have served the office of Warden in a regular Lodge for one entire year in order to become eligible for the chair of W. Master. It does not, however, matter whether he was Senior or Junior Warden, or he may have been J.W. for one part of the year and S.W. for the rest of it.

W. B.—We will act up to your suggestion, which has our unqualified approval.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 12th FEBRUARY.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.

MONDAY, 14th FEBRUARY.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
967—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1460—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
90—St. John, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
404—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield.
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M.—Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.

TUESDAY, 15th FEBRUARY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
M.M.—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Mysturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
651—Brocknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Derby-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1554—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.

WEDNESDAY, 16th FEBRUARY.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
274—Tranquility, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
681—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 17th FEBRUARY.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1257—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1339—Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7. (Instruction)
1429—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden
1725—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Bell Hotel, Shoreditch

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth
293—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
264—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
344—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
348—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonyclough, near Manchester
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
393—Lime-stone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
432—Abbey, Newsletter's Arms, Nuneaton
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
492—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
521—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford

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605—Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Helston Bridge
R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
R.A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts
K.T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

FRIDAY, 18th FEBRUARY.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Un. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction.)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
R.C. Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

127—Union Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester,
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
816—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
841—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
923—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
1393—Hamor, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 19th FEBRUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Eburysquare, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Prosperity Lodge, No. 65.—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, E.C. Present:—Bros. Ferry W.M., Chicken S.W., Roberts J.W., Brown P.M. Secretary, Schadler S.D., Rich J.D., Leins P.M. D.C., Caton acting I.G., and about thirty members. The minutes of November meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was brought into requisition for Messrs. Fencott, Patience, Mattin, and Pocock, and was unanimous in their favour. Lodge opened in second degree, and Bro. Hills answered questions leading to third. Lodge opened in third, and Bro. Hills was raised to the sublime degree. Lodge resumed to first degree, and Messrs. Fencott, Patience, Mattin, and Pocock were initiated. The sum of two guineas was voted to a late brother's representatives, and two guineas to be presented to the National Lifeboat Institution. The resignation of two members was received. The brethren afterwards partook of a banquet.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 5th inst. Present—Bros. F. W. Jones W.M., G. Ferrar S.W., H. Hall J.W., Brasted acting Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, J. Lorkin S.D., Catlin J.D., R. Defriez I.G.; also Bros. C. Lorkin, Snare, Houghton, A. Mullord, T. H. Mullord, E. Woodman, Richardson, W. Williams, Mendelsohn, Wolf, Fysh, Gilham, A. Tuck, A. Ferrar, Gibbs and Giller. Lodge was opened, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed in a very excellent manner by the W.M., Bro. Richardson being the candidate. Bro. T. H. Mullord showed proficiency in his Masonic knowledge to enable him to be passed at the next meeting of his mother Lodge. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Snare, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. F. W. Jones being the W.M. elect. The ceremony was performed to the entire satisfaction of the numerous brethren present. Bro. J. Lorkin worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. G. Ferrar was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed and adjourned. We are desired to announce that the annual supper of this Lodge of Instruction will take place at Bro. Fysh's, as above, [Our correspondent does not state when.—ED. F.C.] the W.M. of the mother Lodge has kindly consented to preside on the occasion. Tickets, 3s each, can be had of Bro. A. W. Fenner, Hon. Sec., 12 Ennis-road, Finsbury Park, N.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney, on the 8th inst. Bro. Stewart occupied the chair, and was assisted by Bros. Forss S.W., Harvey J.W., Taylor S.D., Shingfield I.G.; also Bros. J. J. Berry P.M. Preceptor, and Bros. Tyer, Wood, Poulter, Gamble, Andrews, Swanson, Walter, &c. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes were confirmed. The necessary questions were answered by Bro. Swanson, and Lodge was advanced, when the ceremony of passing was capitally rendered. The sections of the lecture were worked as follows:—1st and 2nd by Bro. Forss, 3rd and 4th by Bro. Andrews P.M. 1227, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Harvey assisted Bro. Andrews to work the 4th, and Bro. Forss the 5th, sections of the 1st lecture. The election of a Worshipful Master for the 15th inst. was waived, that being the date fixed for working the Fifteen Sections by Bro. J. Andrews P.M. 1227, who will be assisted by the following brethren:—Bros. T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 993 S.W., E. W. Walter W.M. 554 J.W., Berry P.M. 554 I.P.M. The following brethren will work the Sections:—First Lecture—Bros. Anderson, Waterer, Loane, Harvey, Wooding, Forss, Stephens; Second Lecture—Bros. Ellingford, Berry, Walter, Barnes, Cundick; Third Lecture—Bros. Musto, Veal, Taylor, Bro. Wm. Cross J.W. 554 is the Hon. Sec. of the Lodge of Instruction. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. B. Stewart for his highly efficient discharge of the duties appertaining to the chair. Lodge was closed and adjourned until the 15th inst. Brethren who can attend upon this occasion may rely upon a capital rendition of the sections, the above names being in themselves a guarantee for good working.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 8th February. Bros. Watkins W.M., Pavitt S.W., Prosser J.W., Smith S.D., Rawe J.D., Ives I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Musto Preceptor; also Bros. Sadler, Wild, Keable, Wood, Dixon, Roddam, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Wild answered the necessary questions, and Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Worsley worked the first and second sections of the lecture. Bro. Pavitt was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A sum of one guinea was ordered to be placed on Bro. Rawe's list for the old men and women. The Lodge then closed in due form. We should like to see a good muster for next week, to hear Bro. Pavitt's rendering of the third ceremony. Bro. Pavitt is a most painstaking worker.

Kings Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—On the 6th instant, at Bro. Devine's, Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, Bro. Briggs W.M. 1732 in the chair of W.M., H. Stiles S.W., L. Solomon J.W., Devine Treasurer, L. Jacobs Secretary, W. M. Stiles P.M. S.D., B. Kauffmann I.G., Hemming Preceptor, and over thirty members being present. The Lodge of Instruction having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, the fourth section of the first lecture was worked. The ceremony of installation was then rehearsed by Bro. Briggs, Bro. H. Stiles W.M. elect acting as candidate, Bro. Stiles P.M. officiating as D.C. The newly-installed W.M. showed his proficiency by the able manner in which he invested his Officers. The W.M., on investing Bro. Lewis Solomon as Secretary, said he had great pleasure in presenting him with a testimonial, as a token of regard and esteem, for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of Secretary. Bro. Briggs P.M. supplemented the remarks of the W.M., and said it testified the respect in which the brethren held Bro. Solomon. Mainly through his exertions, the Masonic Charities had received the sum of ten guineas; he hoped he might live long to continue the good work. The testimonial consisted of a very elegant and massive silver inkstand. Bro. Stiles read the inscription. Bro. Solomon said he felt much surprised at receiving such a valuable present; it was entirely unknown to him that the brethren contemplated anything of the kind; and, consequently, he could the more appreciate it. Whatever he had done was to him a labour of love; his services were always at their command, not in the Lodge of Instruction alone, but also in the parent Lodge. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, Bro. Briggs giving a perfect rendering, to the satisfaction of all present. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the acting W.M. Bro. Patteson and Yates were proposed as members, and a vote of thanks carried unanimously to Bro. Briggs for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Master. The Lodge of Instruction was then adjourned to the following week.

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THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE R.M.B.I.

WEDNESDAY next, the 23rd instant, has been fixed by His Royal Highness the Grand Master for the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. It will be held, as usual, in the Great Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, and Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Prov. Grand Master, and Prov. Grand Superintendent of West Yorkshire, has kindly undertaken to preside. Our Right Worshipful Brother will be supported by, certainly, the largest Board of Stewards ever known, even in the annals of our Festival History, West Yorkshire alone being represented by over one hundred and fifty brethren. At this latter fact no one can have the slightest reason to be surprised. It is indisputable in all Masonic circles that West Yorkshire is one of the strongest and most consistent supporters of all our Masonic Institutions. We cannot call to mind a single occasion of late years on which, to use a well-worn expression, it has been "conspicuous by its absence." On the contrary, its contributions at each successive Festival, whether of the Boys' or Girls' School, or of the Benevolent, have all that character for largeheartedness and unbounded liberality by which the folk, to say nothing of the brethren, of Yorkshire have always been distinguished. This being the case, we are justified in believing that the gathering of Wednesday next will prove a grand success. When a supreme effort in support of the presidency on behalf of a particular Institution of an esteemed and respected chief is made by a Province, which can boast of its seventy Lodges more or less, and habitually contribut s its hundreds at each and every of the Festivals that is held annually in connection with Freemasonry, we are, we repeat, fully justified in expecting that results unusually brilliant will follow, and we take leave to congratulate Bro. Terry on the prospects that await him next week, when Sir Henry Edwards, with all the eloquence he can command, will plead the caase of the aged and distressed Freemason and his destitute widow.

As our readers are aware, the Benevolent is the youngest of our three Institutions, though it is by no means the least worthy of support. It was established as recently as the year 1842, by Grand Lodge itself, which set the example of commending it to the favourable consideration of the Craft generally by voting an annual subvention of £400. There are those, perhaps, who will claim for it a somewhat earlier origin—earlier, that is to say, by just a few years. It is but the other day that, in certain miscellaneous addenda to our history of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, we drew attention to a circular on behalf of "The Asylum for the Aged and Decayed Freemason." This circular, which was signed "Robert Field, Secretary," quoted the testimony of "Grand Lodge of 6th December 1837 to the effect that this Grand Lodge recommend the contemplated Asylum for the Aged and Decayed Freemasons to the favourable consideration of the Craft." It fixed the date of the particular Festival for which it was anxious to receive the support of the St. Michael's Lodge for the 15th June 1842, and it added, "For your information I beg to state that the Festivals of this Charity have been always conducted upon such well-considered principles," &c. &c. The Asylum here referred to is the present Asylum at Croydon, and some years subsequently to the year mentioned, was amalgamated with the Benevolent offspring of our Grand Lodge munificence; and it must be clear, even to those who are but slightly acquainted with the history of the Institution, that when Secretary Field speaks of the Festivals anterior to 1842 being conducted on certain well-considered principles, the Asylum which was contemplated in 1837 must, at an early date thereafter, have been established. However, the question of a few years more or less in the life of an institution which has now developed to such magnificent proportions is of little moment to the general Craft. We are content, therefore, to accept the official statement in our Grand Lodge Calendar that the Benevolent Institution first saw the light in 1842, its chief means of support being the aforesaid annual subscription by Grand Lodge of £400. It was then known as the "Royal Masonic Annuity Fund," and its benefits were extended only to aged and distressed brethren. The first election took place on the 19th May 1843, when 15 out of a list of 16 candidates were elected, one of them being the then Tyler of the St. Michael's Lodge. The fixed income of the Charity was further increased in 1847 by an annual grant of £100 from Grand Chapter. In 1849 was established the Widows' Fund, Grand Lodge setting the example of support by voting £100 per annum, and Grand Chapter following suit with an annual £35. In the same year, the Asylum for the Aged and Decayed Freemason at Croydon was happily amalgamated with the Benevolent Annuity Fund, and Grand Lodge, with its accustomed liberality, voted the handsome sum of £500 towards the fund that was being raised towards putting the building in a thorough state of repair. In 1854 it voted a further £350 to the Building Fund, and in 1855 it increased its annual grant to the Widows' Fund by a second £100. In 1856 Grand Chapter raised its annual subscription from £35 to £50, while Grand Lodge voted £1000 to the Male Fund and £600 to the Widows' Fund. In 1858 the latter still further enlarged its grants by giving an additional £100 to each of the two Funds, making a total annual subvention of £800, namely, to the Male Fund £500, and to the Female Fund £300, while the contribution of Grand Chapter is £150, namely, £100 to Male, and £50 to Female Fund. Since then, however, Grand Chapter has at different times voted no less than £2500 to the Institution, that is to say—in 1868 £500 to each Fund, making £1000; in 1873 £500; in 1874 £500; and in 1880 £500; while in 1878 it transferred two amounts of £500 Consols each, one to the credit of the Male, and the other to that of the Female Fund.

So much for the official support which is extended to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and in return for which it is under the necessity of giving so many votes to the W. Master of every Lodge under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge, and so many to the Z. of every English Royal Arch Chapter at every election that takes place to each Fund. The extra-official support, however, is in every way worthy of the Craft, though, as in the case of our Schools, it was on a very limited scale in the early years of its existence. Indeed, the Benevolent was unfortunately-circumstanced at the outset of its career, in that it was allowed to hold a Festival in aid of its funds only once in three years. However, there soon followed a juster appreciation of the benefits that were being conferred by it, and the proportionate degree of assistance it stood in need of in order to confer those benefits, and the triennial period was first of all changed into a biennial one, and very shortly after into an annual. We need hardly state that these changes were a decided improvement, and increas-

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ingly benefited the funds of the Institution. Why there should ever have been any difference in matters of this kind between this and our other Charities it is not worth our while stopping to inquire. It is enough that all have, for several years past, equally enjoyed the opportunities of appealing annually to the Craft for its patronage and support. And this patronage and support has grown amazingly, especially during the last six years; nor do we think we shall be exaggerating if we set down the average annual amount subscribed at the last six Benevolent Festivals at £11,000. Such a figure is well-nigh astounding, but heavy subscriptions are made absolutely necessary by the heavy demands which are made upon the resources of the Institution. There are now 150 decayed brethren on the Male Fund, each of whom receives an annuity of £40. The annuitants on the Female Fund are 155 in number, each of them being in receipt of £32 per annum, while there are some seventeen widows in receipt each of a moiety of her late husband's annuity. These responsibilities amount to a sum of considerably over £11,300, while the expenses of management and the sustentation of Building require a full £2000 in addition, making a total annual liability of over £13,000. This, after all, is nothing very surprising when we bear in mind that the outlay places some 321 poor brethren and widows of poor brethren in fairly comfortable circumstances; at all events, beyond the reach of the most pressing demands of poverty. These brethren and these widows of brethren, moreover, have seen better days. They are people of tried character, or their candidature would not have been accepted. In too many instances they are unable to do anything towards their own maintenance, and some are even so unfortunate as to have neither children nor grandchildren to help them. Here, then, we see the value of so grand an Institution as our Benevolent Fund. By its aid over three hundred decayed yet honourable members of the great Masonic fraternity, or their widows, are honourably assisted; and it may be also that the dark prospects of their children and their children's children are made lighter. Our other Institutions provide for the orphan children of Craftsmen, or of Craftsmen who, having once been in affluent circumstances, are reduced to a state of penury. The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has an equal claim, and its Anniversary Festival being now imminent, we are justified in saying it has more than an equal claim upon our support; the consideration of those of the other two being deferred for the present, though not lost sight of. It makes the closing years of a well-spent life secure. The annuities it grants may not be equal to the provision of *all* those comforts which, in their more fortunate days, the recipients were enabled to command, but it helps to find *some* of them. And, in very truth, it strikes us as being a most honourable purpose to make smooth the declining years of those who have borne themselves bravely through life, a purpose not one whit less honourable than it is to start young girls and boys fairly, so as to give them the knowledge and the strength to make their way in life successful. The object of next Wednesday's gathering on behalf of the Benevolent Institution is to continue and, if possible, extend the good work it is doing. We know West Yorkshire will play its part well, and we are assured that London, and the other Provinces will strive their utmost to emulate its example. But should any special incentive to extra exertion on the part of the Stewards and the Craft generally be required, it will be found in the fact that, at the annual election to the two Funds, taken together, in May next, there are no less than *ninety-eight* candidates to fill *twenty* vacancies. This speaks for itself.

We beg to remind our readers that the Annual Ball of the Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, will be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street, E.C., on the evening of Monday next, the 21st instant, dancing to commence at 9 p.m. We trust the Committee of Management and the Lodge generally will achieve as great a success as they have done in previous years.

A slight inaccuracy occurred in our report, last week, of the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12. We stated that Bro. E. E. B. Kidder performed the ceremony of installation, whereas we should have said that it was Bro. W. B. Kidder who performed the task. Bro. E. E. B. Kidder was appointed S.W., moreover, he not being a P.M., the error was doubtless apparent to many of our readers.

IN THE REGION OF IDEAS.

From the KEYSTONE.

THOSE who are familiar with only the lowlands of the earth, in the region of its meadows and morasses, and have never been transported to its highlands, with their lofty points of view, lack comprehension of both the highest beauty and the greatest utility of the world in which we dwell. A hill-top, a mountain-peak, lifts one in spirit nearer to the Grand Architect of the Universe. It reveals a material panorama, miles in length and depth—a resplendent picture, filled with the truth of life. It enlarges the circle of one's vision, unveils the progress of civilisation, and fills the mind of the spectator with ideas. On one hand are the primeval woods, tokens of aboriginal nature; on the other are cities and towns, hives of industry, devoted to the development of art, and manufactures, and laws, and whatever tends to lift man from ignorance and want into the broad realms of knowledge—where invention is busy to supply every need, and industry furnishes the means to possess all of the necessaries and conveniences of life. Just as one must be lifted out of and above himself to understand the highest and best truths, so he must have experience beyond the place of his birth to be enabled to grasp the world-idea of a diversified earth, teeming with industry and art, and chequered with natural and artificial beauty, and at the same time related to those stupendous spheres in space which sweep with such celerity and majesty through their celestial orbits. No man has ever travelled far without getting in the region of ideas. So, even more emphatically, whoever fails to view with his mind's eye the boundless realm of knowledge, and make excursions through its flowery meads and cultured fields, and devote days and nights to the acquisition of that learning which constitutes the wealth of wisdom's kingdom, *fails* to gather ideas that are inestimable in value, fitted to make him wise and successful in this life, and happy in the great hereafter.

There are certain aids that men may avail themselves of in this world to get in the region of ideas. They were devised in ages past, by good men and true. They have since been used by hosts of individuals, who have freely testified to their value. At the same time they are not aids that serve as mere crutches, to be taken up and thrown down at pleasure. They must be honestly sought, welcomely received, and earnestly used. One must possess a measure of wisdom before he will feel inclined to seek them, and a measure of uprightness before we can dare to hope for their bestowal. There is more than one organisation that proffers its hand to the seeker after light; but the one, high up in the scale of dignity and power, to which we now refer, is the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. Freemasonry most emphatically lifts the candidate for its honour, and privileges into the region of ideas. It brings him face to face with the loftiest truths. It touches both the life that now is and that which is to come. Its ideas are at once homely enough for this work-a-day world, and holy enough to have come from Sinai's mount. They are God-ward and man-ward.

Where else can you find the refined idea of brotherhood so clearly enunciated, or so universally practised, as in Freemasonry? But, say some faulty thinkers, "Your brotherhood is a narrow one; it is confined to yourselves—the few, while the true idea of brotherhood embraces the world." Not so. In the language of the immortal Goethe, "An idea is not at liberty to be liberal." Those who are not of one spirit, mentally and morally, cannot be fitly united in one fraternity. The "brotherhood of man" is an empty phrase, a glittering generality, that means just nothing. Not only does Freemasonry recognise and know no such brotherhood, neither does the world. The degraded, and ignorant, and immoral move, as it were, in a different world from the refined, the intelligent and the upright. The former are in the world of the latter, but not of it—they are a world to themselves, a nether world, to whose depths Freemasonry never descends in search of fitting members for its brotherhood. There is a brotherhood of the liberal minded, the pure hearted, those of good report, those accepted after due examination—and such is the brotherhood of Masonry.

Where else can you find the divine idea of charity more faithfully carried out than in Freemasonry? The distressed are aided, the sick are visited, the dead are buried, the widow and the orphan are succoured. In life the spirit of brotherly love is exhibited in a thousand ways—by the fraternal hand-clasp, the cordial greeting, the smiling countenance, the encouraging word. The right hand of fellowship is always extended. It is a wide-open hand, betokening a wide-open heart and wide-open pocket. In death the sorrowful tear falls, the sprig of acacia is cast into the open grave, and brethren, relatives and friends are cheered with the hope of a happy reunion in the endless hereafter.

Where else can you find faith in God more steadfastly enjoined than in Freemasonry? The candidate must voluntarily share in this faith before he can advance a single step towards the Masonic Altar. Afterwards he renews the confession of this faith at every opening service of his Lodge. The Grand Architect of the Universe, who is revealed to us in the Holy Bible—the First Great Light in Masonry—is the Freemason's God, to whom his prayers are addressed.

Where else can you find the doctrine of the immortality of the soul more clearly and beautifully taught than in Freemasonry? By type and figure, by word and deed, by precept and example, in the Lodge and at the grave of a deceased brother, this great doctrine is taught over and over again.

How true it is that the Mason is lifted by Freemasonry into the region of ideas! Our Fraternity is ennobling, intellectually and morally. It places a brother on vantage ground, above the level of selfishness, where his vision takes in the world of Masonry, and where his heart beats in unison with the heart of the Craft. It is not surprising that Freemasonry, being an organisation which is dominated by ideas, should always have possessed men of ideas—its Goethes, Schillers, Washingtons, Franklins, and Lafayettes! Like produces like, just as out of nothing, nothing comes. Let us cherish our ideas, then, for they are the very life-blood of Freemasonry.

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ELIAS ASHMOLE, WINDSOR HERALD, AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In various Masonic and non-Masonic publications the initiation of Elias Ashmole into Freemasonry at Warrington, in the year 1646, has been alluded to as the first instance of the regular initiation of a "gentleman," of which there now remains authentic contemporary documentary evidence. But although his Diary still exists, and was printed many years, probably a century ago, the writers who have chronicled the ceremony named above have never, so far as I know, quoted several other interesting particulars which Ashmole thought worth recording, and which give further information regarding English Freemasonry towards the close of the seventeenth century, including the name of the "Master of the Masons Company," which seems to have been equivalent to the "Grand Master of England," in 1682. I therefore introduce the following extracts recently made *verbatim* from the entries in Ashmole's original manuscript diary which is preserved in the Bodleian Library at Oxford, they being the whole of the references to Freemasonry contained in the volume :—

"1646. Oct: 16.—4^{h} 30' p.m.—I was made a Free Mason at Warrington in Lancashire with Coll: Henry Mainwaring of Karincham in Cheshire. The names of those that were then of the Lodge [were] Mr. Rich: Fenket, Warden. Mr. James Collier, Mr. Rich: Sankey. Henry Littler. John Ellam. Rich: Ellam, & Hugh Brewer.

"March 1682.

"10: About 5^{h} p.m. I rec^{d} a Sumons to app^{r} at a Lodge to be held the next day, at Masons Hall London.

"11: Accordingly I went and about noone were admitted into the Fellowship of Free Masons,

"S^{r}: William Wilson Knight, Capt: Rich: Borthwick, Mr. Will: Woodman, Mr. Wm: Grey, Mr. Samuell Taylour & Mr. William Wise.

"I was the Senior Fellow among them (it being 35 years since I was admitted). There were p^{r}sent beside my selfe the Fellowes after named.

"Mr. Tho: Wise, M^{r}. of the Masons Company this p^{r}sent yeare, Mr. Thomas Shorthose, Mr. Nich: Young, Mr. John Shorthose, Mr. William Hamon, Mr. John Thompson, & Mr. Will: Stanton.

"Wee all dyned at the halfe Moone Taverne in Cheapeside, at a Noble Dinner prepaired at the charge of the New= accepted Masons."

Ashmole recorded the exact hour of most of the events in his life for astrological purposes usually quite as exactly as the "4 hours 30 minutes p.m." given above.

Colonel Henry Mainwaring, of Kermincham, was a kinsman of Elias Ashmole's first wife, and this will account for their having gone through the ceremony of initiation on the same occasion, Ashmole being on a visit to Cheshire.

Before closing this letter, I wish to quote a remark of one of the officials at the Bodleian Library, in order, if possible, to save trouble to the librarians there, as well as to inquirers after an imaginary Masonic manuscript, which I have heard spoken of more than once. He says in a letter to me :—"There is a MS. said to be here of very early date, but its existence in the Bodleian is a myth. It is, however, a matter of some trouble, for it is always being inquired for. I have myself been written to about it twice within twelve months."

I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

SCRIBE E. AND J.W. 148.

GRAND LODGE SCOTLAND AND THE GAEL LODGE, SCOTLAND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am very glad to find from your report of the last Quarterly Communication of the G. Lodge of Scotland that it has endorsed the vote of censure recorded by the G.L. Committee on the Gael Lodge, Glasgow, for having issued a begging circular, not only among our Scottish brethren whose interest in the subject-matter of the letter may be considered as direct, but also among brethren belonging to other jurisdictions, whose interest is certainly of a very indirect character. I remember to have seen a copy of one of these circulars, and it struck me the plaintive appeal it contained was out of place and most unworthy of any Masonic Lodge. It is no doubt most laudable on the part of the brethren who are familiar with the Gaelic language, and are desirous of carrying out our rites and ceremonies in that tongue, that they should advocate the maintenance of a Lodge especially for Gaels. But then it is the duty of the members to support their Lodge, and if it fall into difficulties, to extricate it therefrom. What limit would there be to the demands made upon our brethren if every Lodge established for a special object, and finding that object beyond its reach without extraneous help, should appeal to them for support? If Masonry rendered in Gaelic is not sufficiently popular with the Gaels to secure the needful support, is it likely it will obtain the requisite means of support among brethren to whom Gaelic is as unintelligible as Japanese or Sanscrit? If I were a Scotchman I should probably look upon Gaelic as the finest language that ever has been spoken by man, just as I might picture to myself the bagpipes as being the most melodious of musical instruments. Being an Englishman, however, I am unable to appreciate either Gaelic or the bagpipes. This may be owing to a great want of taste on my part, but I cannot help it.

I say nothing as to the grave impropriety of any Lodge soliciting aid to extricate it from difficulties to which all Lodges alike are equally liable. Grand Lodge of Scotland has determined that.

Fraternally yours,

AN ENGLISH MASON.

THE NEW FINSBURY PARK AND SIR HUGH MYDDELTON BALL.

A COMMITTEE meeting was held at the Old Cock Tavern (Bro. Baker's) on Wednesday last. Present:—Bros. Weston, Hollis, Swynyard, Jackson, R. G. Thomas, Greenfield, Berry, Speller Hon. Secretary, and others. The accounts were duly audited, and, thanks to the exertions of the brethren of the New Finsbury Park Lodge, the Ball proved financially a success. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Baker for his kindness, at so short a notice providing for the use of the meeting one of the private rooms of the Hotel. In reply, Bro. Baker said at all times it would be his endeavour to promote the comforts of similar meetings to the utmost of his power. A Committee was then formed for a joint Ball, to be called (subject to the opinion of the next meeting) the Holloway and Finsbury Park Ball, and 150 tickets were at once vouched for.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., has been pleased to confer the Grand Mastership of the Province of Staffordshire, rendered vacant by the death of the late Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, on Bro. Major G. Singleton Tudor, heretofore D.P.G.M. Bro. Tudor has filled the office of Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry in this Province since the summer of 1871, and as he is one of the most popular members of the Craft, not only within the county of Stafford, but likewise outside its limits, his appointment cannot be otherwise than most gratifying, and we feel sure will prove to be in every way beneficial to the Freemasons of Staffordshire.

We beg to offer to Bro. T. Entwisle, of Bolton, our sincere tribute of respectful sympathy with him and his family in their present grievous affliction. On Friday last, Bro. Entwisle's second son, Mr. Ethelbert Entwisle, aged only twenty and nine years, was skating in Bradford Park, at Great Lever, when the ice gave way, and he was seen by the spectators on the bank to be struggling in the water at a distance from them of only about twenty yards. Steps were immediately taken to rescue him from his perilous position, but ineffectually, and it was some time before the body was recovered. Attempts were made, according to the approved method of Dr. Sylvester, to restore animation, but the body had been too long immersed, and the endeavours proved fruitless. Mr. Entwisle was a young gentleman of great promise. He had won many and high distinctions in the course of his scholastic career, and there was every prospect of his achieving still more substantial successes in connection with the firm of which his father was the head, and himself a member. The sudden death, in all the vigour of early manhood, of so able and popular a townsman has aroused in Bolton a wide-spread feeling of sorrow, which, we trust, will prove, to a certain extent, some consolation to the bereaved family in the midst of their grief.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Beacontree Lodge of Instruction, No. 1228, at Bro. Barford's, Red Lion, Leytonstone, on Tuesday evening next, at seven o'clock precisely. Bro. W. H. Myers P.M. Nos. 820 and 1445 will preside, supported by Bros. William Hogg P.M. 1349 S.W., R. Durell S.W. 1349 J.W., G. W. Verry P.M. 554 I.P.M., George Edward Walters P.M. 1598 Honorary Secretary. First Lecture:—Bros. Sampson, Skelt, Loane, Livermore, Musto, Calver, and Durell. Second Lecture:—Bros. Roberts, Walters, F. C. D. Fenn, W. Hogg, and Macgregor. Third Lecture:—Bros. Stewart, McDonald, and Verry.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Few persons are so favoured by circumstances, or so fortified by nature, as to enable them to pass unscathed the sore trials of an inclement season. With catarrhs, coughs, and influenzas everywhere abounding, it should be universally known that Holloway's Ointment diligently rubbed upon the chest, checks the worst assaults of these maladies, and securely wards off more grave and dangerous diseases of the throat and lungs. The truth of this assertion must remain unquestioned in the face of thousands of unimpeachable living witnesses, who have personally derived the utmost possible benefits from this treatment when their present sufferings were appalling, and their future prospects most disheartening. Both remedies act admirably together.

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REVIEWS.

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The History of Freemasonry in the District of Malta, from the year 1800 *to the present time.* By W. Bro. A. M. Broadley, of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister-at-Law; P.M. 1717; W.M. 1835; P.D.D.G.M. Malta; P.G.M.M.M. for Tunis and Malta; P.G.M. of the Cryptic and Allied Masonic Degrees for Tunis and Malta; D. Intendant-General of the Red Cross for Malta and Tunis; P.G.C. and G.P. and P.P. Prelate and Chancellor K.T. and K.M. for the Mediterranean; and P.M.W.S. 18°. Published for the benefit of the District Benevolent Fund. London: George Kenning, "Freemason" Office, 198 Fleet-street, E.C. 1880.

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The third on the District Roll of Lodges is Zetland, No. 515, which was founded in 1846, and thus named in honour of the then Grand Master, the late Earl of Zetland. Some difficulties appear to have been encountered at the outset, owing to the refusal of the W.M.'s of the sister Lodges to take part in the consecration. The brethren, however, would not submit to be disappointed, and, having expended the considerable sum of £180 on furniture and decorations, they formally met together and opened the Lodge. This happened on the 12th January 1846, when twenty-nine Masons were present, and several, among whom must be included Bro. G. Tamajo, now a Senator of Italy and Sov. G. Commander of the Supreme Grand Council of the A. and A. Rite for Italy, became joining members. However, after some negociations, these obstacles to the constitution of the Zetland were overcome, and Bro. Jerome P.M., and acting W.M. of the Union Lodge, duly consecrated it, as No. 756, and then installed Bro. Flack as its first W. Master. Bro. Flack was continued in office for a second term, and was then succeeded by Bro. Tancredi Sciberras, but, owing to the latter's absence from the island, he appointed the Officers and fulfilled his duties till the autumn of the year when Bro. Sciberras returned, and attended a meeting on the 9th October, on which occasion it is recorded that, the Lodge being in the third degree, the acting W.M. (Bro. Flack) requested all those who were not Past Masters to retire, unless they expressed their desire to take that degree, when Bros. Diston, Samut, Giovanetti, and Morris joined with Bro. Sciberras, and the degree of P.M. was conferred upon them. In December, Bro. Goodenough was elected and installed W.M., and on the evening of the latter event a Bro. Steddall was named Expert, and five brethren nominated for the R.A. degree—a charter for the formation of a Chapter of that degree having been received in the September preceding. Bro. Flack was re-chosen W.M. for the ensuing year, and was succeeded in 1851 by Bro. Goodenough, during whose (second) Mastership a scheme was set a-foot for the union of the three Lodges of Malta into one. On the 1st Feb. 1851, a joint meeting of the three was held, in the form of a Lodge, there being present sixteen members of the Zetland, with seven of SS. John and Paul, and twenty-three of the Union of Malta. Bro. Goodenough presided, and a letter in support of the movement was read from Bro. McLeod Moore, a Past Master of the oldest Lodge in the island, and Grand Prior of the Order of the Temple in Canada at the present time. The proposal was fully discussed, and in the event adopted by an overwhelming majority, a committee, consisting of the three W. Masters, three Past Masters, and three elected representatives being appointed to arrange the details. This Committee met at an early date, and recommended that the new Lodge should be called the Grand Union Lodge, and its R.A. Chapter the Grand Union Chapter. Copies of the resolution were sent to the P.G.M. (Bro. Burrows) and the Grand Secretary of England. A second joint Lodge was held on 10th February, having been called by order of the W.M.'s, when the steps taken were confirmed, and a copy of the terms of arrangement, accompanied by a petition, was determined on being forwarded to England. In the latter it was stated "that many desire to amalgamate our existing warrants into ONE, to bear on your books the No. 437" (now 349) "being that of our oldest Lodge, unless, indeed, the nobleness of our purpose, and its high Masonic character should lead you" (the Grand Secretary) "to consider us as deserving of a very high number on the records of the Grand Lodge of England." At the April meeting of the Zetland a letter was read from Archdeacon Burrows, P.G. Master of the Province of Andalusia, Malta, and Gozo, in which he expressed his approval of the scheme; but, strange to say—and it speaks but ill for the courtesy of our then Grand Secretarial functionaries—no notice whatever was taken of the petition by Grand Lodge. Equally strange is it that the proposal is barely hinted at in the minutes of the other two Lodges. It is, perhaps, not greatly to be regretted that nothing came of the suggested union. The United Lodge would have been excessively numerous, and brethren meriting advancement to the principal offices would have been obliged to wait an unconscionable length of time.

In the year 1852 Bro. Chapman presided over the destinies of the Zetland as W.M., and during his term of office Bro. Goodenough presented to the Lodge a costly dinner service of stone china, which is still in use, after the lapse of close on thirty years. Bro. B. Douglas was chosen Master for the year following, and it is worthy of note that at his installation, as at that of his predecessor, again in 1856, and at the end of the year 1857, when he was for the second time installed in office, the degree of Past Master was conferred on several Master Masons, our present Grand Secretary, Bro. Shadwell Clerke, being one of twenty so honoured on the last-named occasion. The minute book for the next four years appears to be missing. It seems, however, that early in 1856 the Lodge was visited by Bro. Captain Philips, who shortly afterwards became a member, installed Bro. Gingell in the chair of K.S., himself becoming S.W. But his association with the Lodge was of no great duration, as duty required him to return to England. During his membership he enjoyed what to him must ever be a source of gratification, of having seconded the nomination of Bro. Shadwell Clerke as a candidate for initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and before he left the island a farewell dinner, which we are told he was unfortunately prevented from attending, was given in his honour, while an address was presented to him as "an acknowledgment of the very great services rendered by him to the Lodge." During Bro. Gingell's second Mastership, £20 was voted by the Lodge to the Indian Relief Fund, while in Bro. Douglas's second Mastership, 1858, a difference of a serious character arose between that brother and Bro. Past Master Flack, through "the appointment of an Expert, contrary to the Book of Constitutions." As no further mention is made of the difference, we presume it cannot have been of a very enduring character. It was during this year also the Lodge was visited by Bro. Tristram, P.M. of the Atlantic Phœnix Lodge, No. 271 (now No. 224), who recorded an event which had happened to him some time previously, and was likely to prove of interest, as showing the general diffusion of Masonry and its benefits. Bro. Tristram then related how, when travelling in "the south of the Djereed (south of the Tunisian frontier), his party were brought to a standstill for the want of fresh camels as well as provisions. This perplexity was increased by falling in with a hostile tribe, and Bro. Tristram, on being conducted to the seat of the chief, perceiving the personal danger they were in, and finding all other means fail, tried to communicate with him by one of the higher degrees of Masonry, which was immediately responded to, and although in their interchanges some differences were found, chiefly arising from the difficulty of language, yet sufficient was made known to engage the hospitality of the Arab Sheihk, who not only furnished them with means of fresh transport, but entertained them for some days free of expense." It was also during this year Bro. W. Kingston, the present D.G.M., first visited the Lodge, that Bro. Laferta presented to it an engraving, of President George Washington in Masonic costume, and that delegates from all three Lodges met together, and determined if possible to hold their assemblies under the same roof. Bro. Gingell—to whom, by the way, had been presented a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his valuable services in the chair during the years 1856-7—again occupied the post of Master in 1859, being succeeded by Bro. Delamere in 1860, Bro. M. Drake being W.M. in 1861, with Bro. Armstrong as his S.W., and Bro. Dr. St. John Edwards, afterwards D.G.M., as his J.W. Bro. Edwards filled the chair in 1862, and Bro. Armstrong in 1863, when the number of the Lodge was altered from 756 to 515. Bro. Edwards was Master for the second time in 1864, on the 27th April in which year he was nominated as the first resident D.G.M., after the lapse of close upon forty years. In 1865-6, Bro. Dewar was W.M., and it was during the latter of these two years that Bro. Rosenbusch, the present D.D.G.M., was initiated. But it is unnecessary to give the full list of Masters. Among those who have occupied the chair since Bro. Dewar should be mentioned Bro. Conolly P.D.D.G.M., who was W.M. in 1867, 1868, and 1871, to whom two years after was presented a D.D.G.M.'s jewel of the value of £10; Bro. R. Mowat W.M. 1872, who was honoured with the presentation of a D.G.J.W.'s regalia, in recognition of his services; Bro. Gorham W.M. in 1870, to whom was presented a scroll and marble timepiece, and Bros. Segond W.M. in 1879, present D.G. Treasurer, towards a testimonial to whom, in his D.G. Tresorial capacity, the sum of £5 was in 1874 voted by the Lodge. Since the constitution of the Lodge in 1846 there have been 671 initiates and joining members, while the number of subscribing members at the time of publication of Bro. Broadley's sketch is set down as being twenty-six.

We have thus far given a brief sketch of the history of the three Lodges in Malta, but it is within the recollection of our brethren that in the year 1877 a Lodge was chartered, bearing the style and title of Ancient Carthage, No. 1717, and meeting at Tunis, North Africa, near the site of the famous city from which its name is derived. We shall therefore depart from the order of Bro. Broadley's treatment, and complete our notice of English Craft Masonry before passing to the notice of the Arch, Mark, and other branches of Masonry in the District. We will, first of all, however, glance at the information whith Bro. Broadley has collated respecting Freemasonry in this neighbourhood before 1877. In 1821, owing to a revolution in Naples, a large emigration to Tunis took place, and among the emigrants were many members of the G.O. of that State, who, in spite of the objections of the Bey of Tunis, held secret meetings in the suburbs of the capital, and especially "under the friendly shelter of the great Roman cisterns amidst the ruins of Carthage." In 1830 the name of the working Lodge was "Figli Addottioi di Cartagine Ed Utica," the W.M. being Bro. Plass. In 1845 this became merged in the "Figli Scelti di Cartagine ed Utica, of which Bros. Colin and Payen successively filled the presidential chair. The eighteenth degree of the A. and A. Rite was worked at this time, and the Lodge issued a most beautiful and artistic certificate in the French language." These were succeeded by the "La Novella Cartagine," with Bro. Dr. Ducord as W.M., and the "Attilio Regolo," the W.M. being Bro. G. Morpurgo. In 1860 the G.O. of France chartered a Lodge with Rose Croix Chapter attached, named "La Perseverenza." These flourished for some seven or eight years under the presidency of Bros. S. Garsin W.M. and P. Sulema M.W.S. respectively. In 1865 the G.O. of Palermo constituted the "Cartagine ed Utica," with Bro. Magnaini as W.M., and about the some time the Grand Council of France chartered "La Segretezza." In 1867-8 the G.O. of Italy, then located at Florence, authorised a Lodge and Chapter to be known as "Concordia ed Progresso." None of these, however, Bro. Broadley tells us, have had an active existence since 1870. In 1877, the idea of seeking, from the Grand Lodge of England, a Warrant for a Lodge to be styled the Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717 was started, the initial difficulty caused by only one of the seven would-be petitioners being an English Mason, being overcome by the affiliation with SS. John and Paul, No. 349, Malta, of the Wardens designate, Bros. Rev. E. B. Francke of No. 293, Jerusalem, G.O. Canada, and J. E. L. Barker of

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La Chaine d'Union Beyrout, G.O. of France. The petition, dated 4th June 1877, was recommended by No. 349, and the Warrant dated 13th July bore the signatures of the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., Lord Skelmersdale D.G.M., and John Hervey G.S. On the 6th September Bro. Broadley was installed W.M. by Bro. Rosenbusch D.D.G.M. On the 27th December the Lodge resolved on commemorating its first festival by purchasing a Life Governorship to the Boys' School. At the meeting of the D.G. Lodge of Malta, held in that island on the 30th March 1878, several Tunis brethren were presented, and it was announced that the District of Malta had been extended, so as to include the Regency of Tunis in its jurisdiction. Bro. Broadley W.M. and Rev. Bro. Franckel S.W. 1717 were honoured with the appointments of D.G.S.W. and D.G. Chaplain respectively, and two other members were appointed D.G. Stewards. On the 22nd June following, a meeting of the D.G. Lodge was held at Tunis, under the banner of the Ancient Carthage Lodge. Bro. Kingston D.G.M. presided, and amongst those who supported him were Bros. Broadley D.G.S.W. and Rischelman D.G.J.W. Bro. Kingston's reception was a most hearty one, and Bro. Broadley's address was admirable. On the 6th September the latter was re-elected W.M., and re-installed the following month, a P.M.'s jewel being at the same time presented to him in recognition of his services as a founder and the first W.M. On the 1st April the Lodge was honoured with a visit from Bro. General Sir A. Cunyngham, G.C.B., P.M. of a military Lodge, and ten days later Bro. Broadley was appointed D.D.G.M. About this time, too, was published a translation of the bye-laws in Italian by Bro. A. Perini, M.D., who was installed Bro. Broadley's successor in the Mastership on 4th October 1879. During Bro. Perini's year of office the Lodge had the honour of entertaining Bro. Montagne Guest, M.P., Provincial Grand Master Dorsetshire, and his Deputy Bro. Hambro, as well as Bro. Rosenbusch, D.D.G.M. So sensible were Bros. Guest and Hambro of the hearty and fraternal reception they experienced on this occasion that an address of thanks was passed by our Dorset brethren in P.G. Lodge assembled, and forwarded to Bro. Broadley and the W.M., Wardens, and members of the Ancient Carthage Lodge. No less than 135 members have been initiated or joined since the formation of the Lodge, they being of almost every nationality and religion. The active members last year mustered altogether eighty-two.

In 1879, when Ancient Carthage had a muster roll of one hundred, several of the brethren who resided in Goletta, the port of Tunis, formed the resolution of petitioning Grand Lodge for a warrant constituting a new Lodge, which bears the name and number of the William Kingston Lodge, and No. 1835, respectively. The Lodge was consecrated by Bro. Broadley on the 21st June of that year, and Bro. J. E. L. Barker Past Junior Warden of No. 1717 was installed the first W.M. The D.D.G.M. Broadley, on behalf of his chief, presented the new Lodge with a handsome set of jewels and collars. At its annual Festival on 20th February, eight P.M.'s and W.M.'s of the Tunis Lodges were present, and an important speech was made by W. Bro. Reade P.M. 1068, and P.D.D.G.M. Egypt, who a few months previously had taken up the Agency and Consul-Generalship of Tunis, and become a joining member of No. 1717. In May 1880, Bro. Broadley was elected, and, in June, installed W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bros. W. Read P.M. No. 407, P.D.G. Reg., assisted by W. Bros. T. F. Reade, Perini, and Barker. The number of those who have joined or been initiated in the William Kingston since its constitution is given as thirty-five, of different nationalities and religions; the present active list consisting of thirty-one members.

The above completes the English Lodges forming the D.G.L. of Malta. There is, however, another Craft Lodge in Malta under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. It was warranted in 1851, and is known as the Leinster Lodge, No. 387, being so named in honour of the late Duke of Leinster G.M. of Ireland, and it has attached to it a Royal Arch Chapter and Mark Masters' Lodge. The first meeting was held in January 1852, and Bro. Gresham was installed W.M., who filled the office, as did all his successors to 1875, for only six months. Since 1875 inclusive the W.M. has been elected annually. The Irish brethren, we are told, were at first somewhat coldly received, but the feeling lasted only for a few months, and our English and Irish brethren have since been on the very best of terms. In 1856, Sir R. Douglas, Bart., then a minor, was initiated by dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and about the same time the Leinster placed its Hall at the disposal of Lodge Integrity, then 1771, now No. 528, attached to the 14th Foot, and holding under the English Constitution. In recognition of this courtesy and hospitality, Integrity made Leinster a present of five dozen handsome firing glasses. Among other presentations to the Lodge may be mentioned an inkstand, made out of a shell from Sebastopol, given by Bro. Robinson; a square and compasses, by Bro. Layland; a portrait of the late Duke of Leinster, by Bros. Swift and Good, and a splendid Bible, by Bro. A. J. Godfrey, of the 21st Foot. Among donations by the Lodge are noted £20 to the Indian Mutiny Relief Fund, in 1857; £5 towards the relief of the Christians who suffered in Syria in 1860, and £20 to the Lancashire Distress Fund, in 1862. Among joining members of the Lodge will be found the name of Capt. Shadwell Clerke. In the twenty-nine years of its existence there have been 748 initiates, and the Lodge, with an invested fund and a satisfactory balance to its credit, may be described as in a condition of prosperity. Strangers who may attend its meetings, says Bro. Broadley, will carry away with them the most agreeable recollections "of the hospitality and fraternal reception accorded to them." We have now completed our picture of Craft Masonry in Malta.

(To be continued).

Bro. T. P. Payne P.M. (an ex-Mayor of the Borough) was installed Master of the Southampton Lodge, at the Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday afternoon. There was a large and influential attendance.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LODGE OF FIDELITY, No. 3.

THE members of this old and flourishing Lodge held their installation meeting on the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, when a numerous attendance of brethren and visitors was present. Bros. McDougal W.M., J. Allen S.W., J. Peacock J.W., A. Low P.M. Treas., J. Squire P.M. Sec., Barratt S.D., Challen J.D., A. Larcombe I.G.; P.M.'s Dr. W. C. Clark, T. Robinson, Cordwell, C. Terry, Perryman, Crage, and McDougal. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Hopekirk P.M. 179, Coulson W.M. 27, Eckstein W.M. 1196, H. Brown P.G.S., J. Jeffreys, Beeton W.M. 788, J. Covell 1692, H. Dickey 1744, C. Smith 680, A. Pears P.M. 865, Levaque 1572, Sellis 1744, Sutton late No. 3, Bohn 92, H. Browne P.G.S. W.M. No. 4 P.P.G.R. Cambridge, J. Jessop P.M. 1261, F. Ward 1541, J. Stedman 1765, G. Basford, H. Jay 174, A. Best 211, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. After preliminaries, Messrs. R. Ashton and P. Polenaghi were balloted for and initiated into the Order, and Bro. Smith was raised to the third degree, both ceremonies being admirably rendered by the W.M. Bro. Allen S.W. and W.M. elect was then presented, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. Cordwell P.M. P.P.G.R. Middlesex, who ably acquitted himself. After the customary salutations the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers—Bros. McDougal I.P.M., Peacock S.W., Barrett J.W., A. Low P.M. Treasurer, Squire P.M. Secretary, Challen S.D., Larcomb J.D., W. Squire I.G., Perryman P.M. W.S., Potter P.M. Tyler. Bro. J. Lorkin signified his willingness to act as Steward for the Boys' School Festival. Bro. Collier was proposed as a joining member, and a candidate was proposed for initiation. Lodge was then closed. A sumptuous and *récherché* banquet and dessert was provided by Bro. A. Best, in the Crown Room, Bro. Dawkins superintending the service. Grace having been sung by Bro. Stedman and his choir, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Frank Ward sang "The Boatswain's Mate." The toast of the grand Officers was eloquently responded to by Bro. H. Browne P.G.S. P.M. No. 4, and P.P.G.R. Cambridge. After a splendid effort from Master Tebbutt, who sang "Cherry Ripe," Bro. McDougal I.P.M. rose, with great pleasure, to propose the toast of the W.M. All present knew what he had done; he had filled creditably every office, with satisfaction to the brethren. He (Bro. McDougal) had been associated with him for many years, and now trusted his year of office would be a successful one in every respect. The W.M. replying, thanked Bro. McDougal for his kind expressions; all that laid in his power should be done, and he hoped to their satisfaction. He could truly say nothing would give him greater pleasure on leaving the chair than to be able to say he had merited their approbation. The initiates, Bros. Ashton and Polenaghi, were next complimented; the W.M. said the members were proud to see both among them. Bro. P.M. Squires sang the E.A. song, and then the toast was in appropriate terms responded to. Bro. Donald King, the veteran P.M., sang McGregors' Gathering, in a style that elicited loud and long applause. We have seldom heard our worthy brother in such excellent voice. The toast of the Visitors was next given; they were a numerous body; with the toast the W.M. would couple the names of Bros. H. M. Levy P.M. 188, and Eckstein W.M. Urban Lodge. After a humorous song by Bro. Taylor, Bros. Levy and Eckstein severally responded; each deservedly complimented the W.M. on his able presiding, and referred to the excellent rendering of the ceremony of installation by Bro. Cordwell P.M. The remaining toasts comprised the P.M.'s, responded to by Bro. McDougal; the Treasurer and Secretary, for which each of these Officers responded; the Wardens and Officers, for which Bros. Peacock and Barrett replied. The Tyler's toast was then given. The musical arrangements of the evening were under the direction of Bro. Stedman, whose efforts were fully appreciated by the brethren and visitors.

UNITED MARINERS' LODGE, No. 30.

THE first meeting of the members of this old and reputed Lodge, under the presidency of the newly elected Worshipful Master Bro. Hiram Cosedge, was held on Tuesday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. Amongst the brethren present were—Bros. Joseph Clark Immediate Past Master, J. W. Crossley S.W., Joshua Shipley J.W.; Past Masters Bros. Joseph Harling Treasurer, Joseph Driscoll Honorary Secretary, Charles Davey acting as S.D., L. G. Rheinhardt Tyler, Thomas M. Smith, A. Lefeaux, Alfred Thomas Gladwell, G. J. C. Smith, A. F. Ablitt; Bros. James Linscott J.D., Louis Steingraber D.C. acting as I.G., Samuel Lampen, S. Horn, Thomas Oblein, James C. Hildrath, A. Couldrey, Carl Fasseber. Visitor—Robert Schofield Past Master 511, &c. Lodge was opened with the usual solemnities, when, after some formal business had been transacted, the ballot was opened for Messrs. Max Kish and Siegfrid Stock, both of No. 108 Cambridge-Gardens, Notting Hill, who had been proposed by Bro. Olhendorf, and seconded by the Honorary Secretary. The voting in each case was unanimous, but the candidates having been prevented from attending, the initiation ceremony was deferred until next Lodge meeting. Bro. S. Lampen, having answered the interrogations satisfactorily, was entrusted, and on his return to the Lodge was duly raised to the sublime degree, the impressive ceremony being performed by the Worshipful Master in a manner that, considering this was his first rendering, afforded the utmost pleasure to, and was highly appreciated by, the brethren. The Honorary Secretary then proposed that the sum of one guinea be voted towards the testimonial which it has been proposed shall be presented to Mr. D. Sherwill, who has for many years acted most efficiently as the Manager and Secretary of the Guildhall Tavern. In doing so Bro. Driscoll observed that he had constantly transacted business with Mr. Sherwill on matters connected with the Lodge, and his courtesy and gentlemanly demeanour on all occasions had

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been such that he could not refrain from asking the brethren to express their respect for him, and their high estimation of the services Mr. Sherwill had rendered them, by contributing to the fund which so many of his friends had decided upon raising for the purpose of presenting to him this testimonial. The proposition was most cordially acquiesced in by all present. Some other formal matters having been considered, Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren repaired to the banqueting-hall, where an excellent repast was provided by Messrs. Ritter and Clifford. Dessert having been placed on the tables, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the Worshipful Master giving those of the Rulers of the Craft in eloquent terms. Bro. Joseph Clark, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, said the brethren had seen what Bro. Hiram Cosedge had done in the way of working the ceremonies at the first meeting after his installation, which was but a sample of what they might expect to witness at his hands in the future. Circumstances over which he had no control had prevented him (the speaker) from being present during the whole of the meeting, but from what he had seen and heard, he felt convinced the brethren must have been perfectly satisfied with the manner in which he had acquitted himself, and would heartily join with him in wishing Bro. Cosedge health and prosperity during his year of office. The Worshipful Master, in acknowledging the hearty manner in which the mention of his name had been received, thanked the brethren for the kindness and cordiality with which they had treated him while endeavouring to discharge for the first time the duties of his position. Before he was exalted to his present high office, he scarcely thought the work was so burdensome and onerous as he now found it to be. He never imagined that the duties, which he had hitherto regarded with so much veneration, and which he had so inaptly performed—[No]—were so arduous; but the knowledge he had acquired made him admire Freemasonry all the more. That he had but a short time to prepare for the discharge of those functions was no excuse, and he was only too grateful for the aid and support he had received at the hands of the brethren generally. But, though deeply sensible that he had fallen far short of the perfection of those who had preceded him in the chair, it should be his constant study to attain that proficiency which had gained for this ancient Lodge its proud reputation. He acknowledged that, but for the kind prompting volunteered him, it would have been impossible for him to have succeeded. There was so much nobility, so much expansion, so much beyond the signification of the degree they had witnessed, that it needed the whole grasp of intellect and memory to go through it satisfactorily. In this venerable Lodge, which had been in existence more than a century, he had seen such excellence of working as he could hardly hope to emulate, and the only means by which he had succeeded so well was because he had been so ably supported by the Past Masters. He was eminently indebted to them, and he promised to exert his utmost in the future so to improve as to repay them for their abundant kindness. He then proposed the health of the Visitors, who were always welcomed as members of their one common brotherhood, with whom they were happy to exchange ideas, and to show them how anxious the brethren were to sustain the reputation which this good old Lodge had gained. The Honorary Secretary asked permission, at this juncture, to interpose for the purpose of mentioning a subject which was usually brought forward at the January meeting, but it had been unavoidably postponed, in consequence of the absence of Bro. George Smith on that occasion, and also the amount of work which he (the speaker) had on hand. He referred to the efforts which should be made by the Lodge on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He reminded the brethren that there were ninety-nine applicants for participation in the benefits of that noble Institution at the approaching election, and of these only twenty could possibly be elected. Amongst the ninety-nine was the widow of their late Tyler, Bro. Grant, to whom he hoped as many votes would be accorded as possible. In addition to this, there was Bro. Ford, who had been recommended by Bro. Gibbs, and in whose case Bro. Ablitt took a very deep interest. So that, over and above the influence the Life Governors possessed, he wanted all the brethren to qualify for votes, and take their own views as to whether they would appropriate them to the benefit of the male or female candidate he had named. He should be glad if they would give all their votes on the male side to Bro. Ford, and on the female side to the widow of their late Tyler. [A list was then passed round, and Bro. Driscoll was pleased to announce that, in spite of the not very numerous attendance, the sum of £4 had been subscribed.] Bro. Robert Schofield, in returning thanks on behalf of the Visitors, said he had met with a cordiality he should not readily forget. He should convey the sentiments so well expressed by their Honorary Secretary to the proper quarter, where he knew they would be received with the generous gratitude they deserved. From what he had seen that night he predicted that Bro. Cosedge would turn out an excellent Master. His Officers were all well up in their duties, and he was certain their Worshipful Master would be ably supported during his term of office. The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of the Past Masters, who were united in furthering the best interests of the Lodge and upholding the younger brethren. He said again, in reply to the observation of the last speaker, if ever he turned out to be an excellent Master, it would be entirely due to the valuable aid he received from his Past Masters. Bro. Joseph Clark responded, in doing which he said the Past Masters always esteemed it a privilege and an honour to be able to impart to the younger brethren the information they needed. In doing so they merely performed the duty which was expected of them in every Lodge. The Worshipful Master next proposed the health of the Officers, speaking in felicitous terms of his able and efficient staff. Bro. J. W. Crossley S.W., in thanking the Worshipful Master for his kindly expressions towards himself and brother Officers, said it would be their earnest desire and aim to do their best for the interests of a Lodge so ancient, which stood so high on the roll, and which enjoyed such great *prestige*. He believed he spoke the feelings of every Freemason when he said he looked upon the possessor of the chair in a Lodge as a being of a superior sphere, and this feeling of awe and respect was an incentive to them all to aspire to that exalted position. He concluded by again assuring the Worshipful Master that he and his brother Officers would do all they could to discharge their duties efficiently. One or two other complimentary toasts were honoured, interspersed with songs and recitations, that by the Honorary Secretary, entitled "The Mate of the Nancy Brig," being intensely relished. Altogether, the proceedings were of a very enjoyable description.

LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP, No. 928.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Peterafield. The ceremony of installing Bro. H. Pierson S.W. as W.M. for the ensuing year was performed, according to ancient custom, by Bro. M. P. Creedon, the retiring W.M., who carried out the duties in the most perfect manner, and was highly complimented by all present on his knowledge and able delivery of the ritual, a special vote of thanks being subsequently passed to him. At the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. Creedon I.P.M., W. C. Burley S.W., J. Woodhouse J.W., W. B. Edgeler P.M. Treasurer and Secretary, L. A. B. Cole P.M. D.C., J. Swan D.C., E. Nayler J.D., W. Smoker I.G., C. Oakley Organist, J. Wright and J. Whitefield Stewards, C. Knight Tyler. The addresses to the Officers were eloquently rendered by the Installing Master. Bro. Edgeler P.M. then, on behalf of the officers and brethren of the Lodge, presented to Bro. Creedon a very handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the courteous manner in which he had presided over them, and the ability with which he had performed the duties of Master of the Lodge for two successive years. Bro. Edgeler referred to the impressive manner in which Bro. Creedon had always conducted the ceremonies, and the great ability he had displayed in the delivery of the various lectures. Bro. Creedon briefly thanked the brethren for their unexpected and valuable present. The new W.M. commenced his duty at once, and carried out the work most ably, receiving valuable assistance from Bro. Woodhouse the J.W. An unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the Honorary Secretary for the attention given by him to the duties of his office. Amongst those present, in addition to those whose names have already been mentioned, were Bros. A. L. Emanuel P.M. 1069 P.G.J.D., H. W. Townsend P.M. 1428, G. R. Strick W.M. 1428, Laverty J.W. 1428, G. P. Arnold, Cecconi, Marshallsay, W. Hawkins, J. Underdown, R. Pocock, J. Loveridge, J. Jacobs, &c.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday, 9th inst. Present—Bros. W. Ferguson W.M., Danks I.P.M., Flanagan P.M. acting S.W., H. Dowsett J.W., Stransom Treasurer, Ivey P.M. Sec., Honey S.D., Hawkes J.D., Browne D.C., Hickie Organist, Prickett I.G., Ravenscroft Steward, Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Hurley and Margrett; Bros. Tegg, Goff, H. Ferguson, Rhind, Collins, Jas. Mace, Weatherhead, Bailey. Visitors—Bros. Kelsey 1714, Haywood Organist 414, Pocock P.M. Treasurer 414, Long 414 P.M. 661, Hawkes 414. The Lodge was opened and minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. Mr. Frederick Coates was balloted for as an initiate, and elected. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. The W.M. stated that there were three candidates to be raised to the third degree, one of whom (Bro. Knight) was unavoidably absent, the other two, Bros. Goff and James, gave proof of their efficiency, were entrusted, and they retired. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, Bro. Goff was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by his personal friend P.M. Margrett; Bro. James was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by the W.M.; the ceremonies were correctly and impressively performed, the usual musical and vocal accompaniment adding considerably to the effect. Lodge was resumed, and the W.M. read notice of motion, "That the sum of ten guineas, from the funds of the Lodge, be added to the list of the W.M.," who will represent the Lodge as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. P.M. Flanagan seconded the proposition, and it was carried unanimously. The Secretary read a communication he had received from the Prov. Grand Secretary, stating that at the last Prov. Grand Lodge, a grant of five guineas was awarded to the Grey Friars Lodge from the Charity Fund, and asking to which of the Masonic Charities the grant should be appropriated. The R.M.I.B. was selected, the amount to be added to the list of the W.M. Two candidates were proposed for initiation, and after the usual ceremonies, the Lodge was closed.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 15th inst. Bros. Pavitt W.M., Prosser S.W., Smith J.W., Myers S.D., Ives J.D. and I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Musto Preceptor; also Bros. Logg, Watkins, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was in due course advanced; Bro. Myers, acting as candidate, answered the necessary questions, and was raised to the sublime degree, the W.M. ably rehearsing the ceremony. The three sections of the lecture were worked by the W.M. Bros. Musto and Myers had to leave, to assist in working sections at the Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554, which for this evening was presided over by that excellent worker P.M. Andrews. Lodge was then closed to the first degree, when Bro. Prosser was elected W.M. for Tuesday next, on which occasion sections only will be worked.

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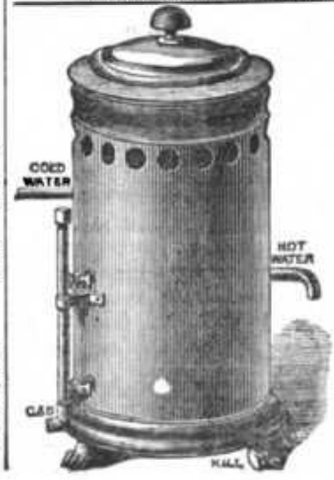
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A ROSICRUCIAN ESSAY OF THE XVIIth CENTURY.

A Paper read before the York College at a Regular Meeting held at York, on the 20th November 1880, *by R.W. Frater T. B. Whytehead, IX°, Chief Adept.*

FRATRES,—To-day I am about to submit for your consideration a curious, though I believe representative, specimen of Rosicrucian Literature. It is commonly said that the writings of the old Rosicrucians were unintelligible to ordinary readers, and some persons have been uncharitable enough to suggest that their solution would have been an Enigma even to the authors themselves. You will I think agree with me that the essay, a translation of which I am about to read to you, is sufficiently occult in its meaning to render it worthy of a very distinguished place amongst the incomprehensible literature, which remains to us of the school of Andrea. Perhaps it would not have been worth while troubling you with the subject at all, were it not that allusions occur in reference to emblems in Masonry well known to many of us, and which seem to me to hint at an early connection between Rosicrucianism and what are known now as "High Grades."

The pamphlet in question is a large duodecimo of 17 pages printed about 260 years ago, and is thus described on the title page, which like the body of the work is a strange combination of dog Latin and obsolete German:

RAPTUS PHILOSOPHICUS

that is Philosophical Revelations rendered perfectly plain and intelligible and dedicated humbly to the celebrated and distinguished Fraternity, Sacred Order R.C., by Rhodophilus Staurophorus, an unworthy vassal (*clientem*) of that most wise and Divinely inspired Fraternity of the most Sacred Order R.C., who is inwardly sick of love and all in a blaze with longing.—Anno 1619.

The writer begins with a preface to the Reader indited in Latin hexameters and pentameters, which runs thus:

Behold they come, the excellent and closely knit Society of the wise ones of the Rosy Cross; they come from Christ.

The terrified foe of mankind jealously multiplies his gigantic deceptions day and night in order to confound by his arts the united society; to snatch away the little flock by means of death.

But though the world and Hell rage, Christ defends the band. None can injure the Fratres.

Behold they come; the society of the Rosy Cross, foretold for many ages, unconquerable even by tried philosophers. The disputatious band of our Lyceus arises, and pours out many *scommata* (*sic*) against the sacred ones, friends of the Gods. An evil tongue profits the sophist; a shameless tongue betrays the ignorant.

But though the world and Hell rage, Christ defends the band. None can injure the Fratres.

Behold they come; the Society of the Rosy Cross, long expected by the world. A pious society, a society of Christ, foretold of the ancient prophets, beloved of the wise, and approved of God. It is therefore meet for the Society to appear with watchful breast. Let each brother lay bare the clouds of his error, for error surrounds us all. But to desire not to be aware of error—this is the greatest folly of all.

Behold they come, the Society of the Rosy Cross, dispersed through the whole world. The wise man rejoices in heart and mind. But the opposing spirit of evil rages, and the envious sophist bursts with jealousy.

But though the world and Hell rage, Christ defends the band. None can injure the Fratres.

(And then he signs, with what I conclude is his motto in the Society.)

Vim Passa Virtus Major Enitescit.

R.C.

Coming to the body of the essay we find it printed in the most singular manner; old black letter German text most of it, but here and there German words spelt with Roman letters, and Latin words in German text and so on. There are even composite words, formed of equal parts of Latin and German. Some of the German words are obsolete and not in any modern dictionary, but I will read you what you may safely regard as a free translation. He says:—

Once on a day when I the undersigned could neither sleep nor rest, I cogitated the means by which, through the help of God, one might get access to the ever celebrated and distinguished Fraternity R.C.

Whilst thus meditating I was entranced, and seemed to travel a.m.p. (*sic*) to the high thought of the Fraternity, R.C. Before me I saw a number of roads but knew not which would take me thither. In the midst was a very rough and stony path, so grass-grown as to be difficult to see. Few could find it, or liked it, for the difficulties it presented. In the distance there walked on this road a God-like youth in white robes. In distress, I stood, uncertain of my way. There was no one to enquire of, though the other roads were crowded, but I thought the youth in white beckoned me. I hesitated, because of the wild beasts which infested the path and the other difficulties, but as I was well clad and shod, and carried a costly *gamahen* (*sic*), which had efficacious virtues against wild beasts, I finally set off on the road, but could not overtake the youth.

I had struggled along for a considerable distance when a strong lion which had broken loose and had a piece of chain round his neck, ran at me with open mouth. In expectation of death I prayed the Gods to aid me when the little cupid flew to me and with his bow shot the lion in the heart, who ran away roaring and plunged into a neighbouring well, which was dedicated to Apollo and Diana. Thanking the Gods I ran to the well to look after the lion but found him drowned.

Exhausted and thirsty, I pulled up the bucket, but found it full of milk. I poured it out, thinking the shepherds had left it there, for it was noon; pulling it up again, I found it blood, and poured it out also, astonished at the prodigy.

(Here occurs an incomprehensible passage about the relative proportions of the contents of the buckets, and which would almost lead us to suppose that the sentence contained some occult chemical analysis.)

Soon after leaving the well I recollected leaving something, and turned back, when a raven flew off the roof of the well, changing as it flew into a peacock, a swan, &c. I thought it was a spectre (*Gespenst*), but climbed the roof of the well, curious to see what there was, and there I found dead in a nest some young and tender birds with their heads pecked in by the wicked raven. Angry, I leaped down to follow the raven, when the old one, a bird of an unknown form, came flying, and as soon as it had seen the wretched death of its young ones it began to scream and to strike its breast with its beak until the blood ran into the nest in streams and soaked the young ones, by means of which and the sun's heat they were revived. Astonished at the miracle, I proceeded.

Now approached me, beautifully dressed and adorned, a graceful female, sitting on a high chair of seven steps in a small chariot covered with grey cloth, lined with white. Her dress was crimson and *byssus* (*sic*). On her head was a golden crown. In front was inlaid a brilliant and Royal carbuncle. Her horses were two grim bears. Before her went an animal with antlers. The driver was Vulcan. On each side of the chariot walked two maidens; one was dressed in black and looked melancholy, and carried in her hand a skull, emblem of mortality. Another was dressed in white. In her hand she carried a goblet of water to sprinkle herself. The third was in yellow, and carried under her left arm a pair of bellows; and the fourth, in red, carried a flaming torch. The female in the carriage carried a gold crucifix. We exchanged salutes, and she asked me where I was going and what spirit had led me thither to so lonely a place. I said I searched for the *Gentlemen Brothers of the R.C.* and the youth who had met her had brought me. She replied, "You have ventured a great thing, but you will not gain your object unless you learn why I have met you." I asked her to enlighten me, and offered my willing services in return. She replied, "You can be my servant, but you must follow me." I promised. She then continued—"Pay attention, and remember that my fierce animals give you the *beginning*, I the *middle*, my first animal the *end*," and saying this she pulled from her bosom a book of strange appearance, but containing, confusedly written, everything in Heaven and Earth. This book she gave me, blessed me, and passed on. Thanking her, I opened the book, and found it was called AZOTH, and correctly, for everything was to be found in it. At the foot of the page stood these two letters —F.R. I turned it over and found: Folio 1—Description of the ancient and highly esteemed art of magic, with its specialities, and by what means they are acquired.

Fol. 18—Necromancy.
Fol. 3—Astrology.
Fol. 1—Book of the Sealed Arts.
Fol. 13—Geomancy.
Fol. 9—Pyromancy.
Fol. 5—Hydromancy.
Fol. 13—Chaomancy.
Fol. 18—Attained Medicine.
Fol. 9—Book of Attained Philosophy.
Fol. 18—Attained Mathematics, with all belonging to them.

In short, there were all the known and unknown arts and sciences in the world. I was amazed, for the book was similar in character to a *speculum archetypum*, though very different, and I had often before seen it, but through mental blindness never recognised it. I had not time to read its contents, for the youth in white waited my coming, so I put my treasure for safety in my bundle. Reaching him, we exchanged salutes, and he asked me if I knew the woman who met me. I said, "No, but she was of noble birth." "Yes," he replied, "it was *Nature*, who at present is unknown to the learned and wise, and no one can meet her unless he follow me on this road." He then

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ordered me to write this story, get it printed, and send it to the Fraternity R.C., which I have accordingly done.

Accordingly, I send this to you highly-learned, God-wise, grace-illumined, as well as gracious and longed-for Brothers of the highly esteemed and celebrated Fraternity of the Holy Order R.C., with the due reverence and obeisance, humbly beseeching and imploring those, &c., &c., of the, &c., &c., R.C. to become my patrons, and take me unworthy as their disciple, promising with the help of God in all things diligently to follow their instructions.

I therefore commend you all, as well as myself, to the protection of God Almighty. O Lord help. O Lord prosper the good!

Given in the 6th month, 1618.

E.H. V.B.
F.R. R.C.

Unworthy vassal,

RHODOPHILUS STAUROPHORUS.

It seemed to me, Fratres, whilst reading the above, that the allusions to Nature, to the elements, and to certain symbols pointed to some connection between this Society and others which have always been popularly understood to have been closely allied with Masonry in the last century. At any rate the author's allegory is at your service, and it will give me great pleasure to hear your ideas on its strange contents. This pamphlet I find numbered 2553 in the division of Rosicrucian works in the catalogue of the celebrated Dr. Kloss, published at Frankfort, a most valuable work, placing its author in the first rank of Masonic students. Kloss was one of those who held, like Findel, that Freemasonry came from the German Steinmetzen.

METROPOLITAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1507.

THE annual banquet of this successful Lodge of Instruction was held on Monday, 14th inst., at The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., Bro. Side, the W.M. of the mother Lodge, presiding. The meeting, which it was anticipated would be as usual a large one, was taken advantage of by the brethren as a fitting opportunity of presenting to Bro. W. M. Stiles a testimonial which has been subscribed for by several of the brethren to whom he is personally acquainted, and this, added to the special nature of the anniversary, brought together a large company of brethren. Bros. Henry Stiles and E. E. B. Kidder occupied the two vice-chairs, and the W.M. was immediately supported by Bros. W. M. Stiles, the Preceptor, and J. Willing jun., the Treasurer, of the Lodge. A most enjoyable banquet was provided by the proprietors of the establishment—Messrs. Kingston and Fromm—and all seemed thoroughly to enjoy themselves. Bro. Scales, P.M. of the mother Lodge, gave the health of the President. He felt a great pleasure in doing so; Bro. Side was well known to those around him, and no words that he (Bro. Scales) could offer, could possibly enhance him in the opinion of his many friends. Bro. Side expressed the pleasure he felt in being present and witnessing so agreeable a meeting. When they considered the short time that the Lodge of Instruction had been in existence, it was in every respect a splendid gathering. The presence of so many distinguished brethren was ample proof that the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction held a high position, and that it was looked upon as being a Lodge where Masonry was taught in the right way. They had been blessed in the past with a Preceptor who was known throughout the Craft, and who was looked upon as being one of the best teachers of the ritual ever known. He was universally respected and beloved, and his death was regretted by brethren in all parts. The brother who had now taken his place was himself a pupil of that worthy Mason, and he (Bro. Side) felt little doubt but that the good name of Bro. Adams would descend on Bro. Stiles, who, he felt sure, would do honour to so illustrious a reputation, and thereby be the means of maintaining the high position now occupied by the Lodge. Bro. Willing next rose to propose the toast of the evening—Success to the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction—coupled with the name of Bro. W. M. Stiles, the Preceptor. Six years since, when he and a few other brethren established the Lodge of Instruction, they little anticipated that it would ever attain its present position, either as regarded numerical strength, or reputation for teaching. Looking back, he called to mind many of its members who had filled the highest offices in the Craft in various Lodges, and that, too, in a way that reflected the greatest credit, not only on the brethren themselves, but on those who had acted as their tutors, and this could hardly have been the case had not their Preceptor been one of the best Masons of the day. Now, as regarded his successor, Bro. Stiles, there could be but one feeling, and that, the greatest regard for him. All must wish him many years of good health, and wish that in the office of Preceptor, which he had just undertaken, he might as much endear himself to the brethren as he had in the past while acting as Secretary. He was deputed to present to Bro. Stiles a testimonial which the brethren offered as a tangible proof of their appreciation of his services; and in handing it to him he felt there was no one in the Lodge more worthy of it than was Bro. Stiles. He could say, without fear of contradiction, that during the whole time he had been connected with the Lodge, no brother had ever heard an angry or unkind word from him. The testimonial, which consisted of a very handsome tankard, and cigar-case, were then handed to Bro. Stiles, and the brethren drank his health in the heartiest way. Bro. Stiles, while sincerely thanking the brethren, felt he hardly deserved the great kindness they had shown him. What he had done had been to him a labour of love, and he was only too happy to hear that the brethren approved of the manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the office he had occupied. When he was first appointed Secretary to the Lodge he was but a very young Mason, and he then took it as a great compliment that he was deemed a fit and proper person to fulfil so important a trust. In the earlier part of his experience he had very great assistance from Bro. Willing, and it was under his guidance that he was able to carry out the duties as he had done. During the five years he had acted as Secretary of the Lodge, he had been only too happy to do the work of that office and anything else that could assist the brethren, and he could but say he should endeavour to act in the future in the same way. His services were at the disposal of the Lodge, which he hoped would continue in the same prosperous career it had followed in the past. The health of the Visitors having been given, was acknowledged by several of those present. Bro. Thompson was very pleased to hear that his old friend, Bro. Adams, was held in such high estimation by those who had looked up to him as their tutor, and was glad to see so worthy a successor as Bro. Stiles elected to follow him. He was, as it were, a twin brother to Bro. Adams in Freemasonry, they both having joined the St. John's Lodge on the same night, and he having followed Bro. Adams through the several offices up to the chair. Both were exalted the same night, and they passed the three chairs of the Chapter in succession. Bro. Ferguson followed; of the many men he knew in Freemasonry there was one who shone out prominently, who was at all times ready and willing to do anything in his power to help in the cause of Freemasonry; and, strange as it might appear, that Brother was the same they had that night assembled to honour. He greatly esteemed Bro. Stiles, and looked upon him as one of his dearest friends in Freemasonry. He was only too pleased to see that his good qualities had been thus publicly acknowledged. Bro. Nash also tendered his thanks to the brethren, as did several other of the Visitors, including Bros. Kidder, Eldridge, Paul Storr, &c. The President then proposed the toast of the Officers, which was acknowledged by Bros. Stiles, Willing, and Storr. Other toasts were given, and the proceedings were kept up with spirit until a late hour. We have great pleasure in giving publicity to the following list of work performed in this Lodge of Instruction during the past year, which particulars were furnished by Bro. E. Storr, the present Secretary:—Besides sections which were worked when time permitted, the whole fifteen were delivered on 6th December. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed thirty-seven times, passing twenty-five times, and raising thirty-six times. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed four times, while during the year thirty-seven new members were elected.

The tankard bore the following inscription:—

Presented, with a Silver Cigar Case,
To Bro. W. M. STILES P.M.
By Members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507,
On his accepting the office of Preceptor,
As a token of their high esteem and regard, and in recognition
of his valuable services while
Honorary Secretary, 1875-1880.
Feb. 14th 1881.

Kilburn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1608.—The first Annual Banquet of this Lodge was held on the 15th inst., at Bro. W. F. Walton's, South Molton Hotel, South Molton-street, W. The brethren, under the genial presidency of Bro. James Cuff, W.M. of the mother Lodge, ably assisted by Bro. T. B. Linscott J.W. 55, as Vice-president, sat down to a capital banquet, served under Bro. Walton's personal supervision, and which gave great satisfaction, the only matter of regret being the smallness of the attendance compared with the number expected, owing, no doubt, to the inclemency of the weather. Among those present were Bros. J. Bingeman P.M. 55 Preceptor, W. W. Gray Past Master 704, C. Thompson J. Deacon 55, Blank I. Guard 704, Daines Past Master 1366, Bloom, Cherer 145, S. Brooks P.M. 1608, T. Hartley 1608, Turner S.D. 1608, Bird 645, A. Latrielle S.W. 1260, Finch W.M. 795, Holden P.M. 435, Collier Past Master 1366, Robinson, &c., &c. After the banquet the toasts of the Queen and the Craft and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales were given and heartily received. These were followed by the toasts of the W.M. Bro. J. Cuff, proposed by P.M. Brooks, and the Visitors, coupled with the names of Bros. Gray and Holden. The Vice-President next gave the Preceptor Bro. Bingeman, dwelling, in pithy terms, upon the valuable services the Lodge received from that worthy Mason. This was enthusiastically received, and, after a response from Bro. Bingeman, the Officers were highly complimented, Bro. Linscott, Treasurer, receiving special mention for his assiduous support, both by regular attendance on Monday evenings, and for the generous financial support accorded to the Lodge. Bro. Linscott, in returning thanks, alluded to the non-attendance of other brethren who were expected, and mentioned the absence of Bro. Soper, which was, unfortunately, owing to severe illness. The Officers of the Mother Lodge were next honoured, and responded to by the I.P.M. Bro. Brooks at some length. The Host—Bro. Walton—was toasted most heartily, and complimented upon the excellent fare which had been submitted to the brethren. Bro. Walton expressed his appreciation of the praise bestowed upon his efforts to please; he would always feel it a great pleasure to work for the good of the Kilburn Lodge of Instruction.

From the progress made during the first year's working, in which 43 members have joined, and a splendid set of furniture and other requirements have been purchased, the Lodge would appear likely to become as prosperous as it is already acknowledged to be a favourite Lodge of Instruction. We may mention that it meets every Monday evening at 7 o'clock, and brethren are offered a cordial welcome.

The Consecration of the St. Austell Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 275, at the Masonic Rooms, St. Austell, on Tuesday, 22nd Feb., will be performed by the W. Bro. Thomas Chirgwin D.P.G.M., assisted by Bros. W. J. Hughan, J. Johns, N. J. West, &c.

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The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.—The usual meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday evening, 12th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, Cannon-street. Bros. T. Hamer W.M., Taylor S.W., Freeman (pro tem) J.W., N. Headon P.M. Treasurer, Blackie P.M. Secretary, Keeble S.D., Baber J.D., Fendick I.G., Bowen Steward, Steedman P.M. Tyler; and the following visitors:—Bros. Swanson 567 S.C., Mcelwin 1613, Thompson 1580, Timms 1539, Williams 858. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, was afterwards opened in the second degree, and Bro. James Lodge was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. In the course of the proceedings, Bro. H. Thompson P.M. took occasion to bring before the Lodge the subject of the Prestonian Lecture, not for the purpose of moving a resolution upon it, but for ventilating the question, so that possibly some one might take up the matter. In the year 1819 Bro. William Preston, a member of the Lodge of Antiquity, and whose works on Masonry are well known, amongst other charitable grants bequeathed £300 Consols for the purpose of making a perpetual provision for the annual delivery by some able member of the Craft of his beautiful lectures on the different degrees of Freemasonry, and which usually attracted a numerous assembly of members. These lectures were given for several years, but for a very long period they have been discontinued, for what cause he was unable to say. The last time one was so given it was delivered by Bro. Henry George Warren, and he (Bro. H. Thompson) expressed a desire to know what was the reason the recital of these interesting lectures was discontinued, and as the £300 Consols were vested in the Lodge of Antiquity, as to how the accruing interest was applied. He hoped that some explanation might be given upon this subject. After the transaction of some other business, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were all duly honoured. Bro. Blackie I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., remarked upon the excellent manner in which he had gone through the ceremony of passing that evening, and well emulated what had been done by those who had gone before him, believing as he did that it was highly satisfactory. He doubted whether in the future the W.M. would have any great amount of work to do, but let them hope that small as it might be, it would be equally as well done as it had been up to the present time. The W.M., in reply, said he rose to return his most grateful thanks to the Immediate Past Master for the very flattering manner in which he had proposed the toast of his health, and the brethren for the kind reception they had given it, as they always had done, but he hardly felt he deserved all the encomiums that had been passed upon him, although he was most anxious to merit the confidence which they had reposed in him. He wished to do better, and he thanked them cordially for the indulgence they had shown him. It was his ambition to get to the position of W.M., and especially so of The Great City Lodge, but he could assure them that it was not at all times a bed of roses in an endeavour to do rightly and please everybody. It was his desire to do all in his power for the benefit of the Lodge, and so long as he adhered to that principle, he was sure that he should receive their support. The W.M. next gave the Past Masters, for which Bros. Headon, Blackie, Stevens, Freeman, and Stanway severally returned thanks. The next toast was that of the Visitors, for which they individually returned thanks. The W.M. then gave the Treasurer and Secretary, and said the Lodge was very grateful for their services, for two more zealous Officers it was impossible to find; they were always active in doing anything that they took in hand, indeed their Bro. Treasurer was thinking of doing something that would be very agreeable to the members. It was proposed on the 26th March that they should have a soirée, to which they could bring their wives, daughters, and sisters, and he believed that the result would be crowned with success. Bro. Headon again had to return his hearty thanks for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received; as the W.M. had made an allusion to a matter that was in contemplation, he might say that on the 26th March, which was the earliest day that they could have the rooms, there would be a soirée; and on that occasion the W.M. intended bringing a galaxy of talent for a concert, for which a number of volunteers had placed their services at his command. The concert would occupy about an hour and a half, after which Mr. Benn had volunteered to give half an hour's entertainment, which could not fail to be acceptable to all. At eight o'clock there would be a supper, which would probably occupy about an hour, after which those who chose could have a dance for about three hours, and those who did not wish to dance could have a hand at cards; therefore he anticipated they would have a very pleasant evening. He might, however, inform them that the room could not comfortably accommodate more than 250, and the house must be closed at twelve o'clock. Having given them that information, he thanked the brethren on his own behalf, and that of Bro. Blackie, the Secretary, for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast of their health, as they had done on all former occasions. A few other toasts were given, and that of the Tyler brought the proceedings to a close.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554.—The Fifteen Sections were worked at the Green Dragon, Stepney, on the 15th inst. The chair was occupied by Bro. J. Andrews P.M. 1227, who was assisted by the following brethren:—Bros. T. J. Barnes P.M. as S.W., E. W. Walter W.M. 554 as J.W., J. J. Berry P.M. Preceptor, J. Taylor Deacon, Harvey I.G., J. R. Shingfield Secretary. After preliminaries, the first lecture was worked, the following brethren taking part:—1st section, Bros. J. Taylor; 2nd, B. Stewart; 3rd, T. Loane; 4th, T. F. Harvey; 5th, T. Wooding; 6th, H. Forss; 7th, G. H. Stephens. Lodge was advanced, and the second lecture was rendered by the following brethren:—first section, I. P. Cohen P.M.; 2nd, J. J. Berry P.M.; 3rd, E. W. Walter; 4th, T. J. Barnes P.M.; 5th, G. H. Stephens. Lodge was advanced, and the third lecture was also ably rendered by the following brethren:—1st section, Bros. W. Musto P.M.; 2nd, C. H. Webb P.M.; 3rd, J. Taylor. The entire working, both of the W.M. and the brethren, gave great satisfaction to the numerous brethren present, amongst whom we noticed Bros. J. R. Shingfield, Mills, Judd, Poynter, Swanson, Day, Richardson, Austen, Davies, Battes, Taylor, Sackett, Brookes, Horner, W. H. Myers P.M., Seymour-Clarke, A. Walter, &c., &c. The following were unanimously admitted members of this Lodge:—Bros. Mills 1421, Richardson 174, Austen 1457, Day 1716, Davies 1021, Seymour-Clarke 1445, and Taylor, No. 5, Scotch Constitution. The pleasing duty of proposing a vote of thanks to the W.M. Bro. Andrews, for the excellent manner in which he had discharged the onerous duties of the chair, was performed by Bro. P.M. Berry, Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction, and was carried by acclamation; it included the conferring the honorary membership of the Lodge. This double compliment was briefly acknowledged by Bro. Andrews, who next expressed his indebtedness to the brethren who had given him such valuable assistance in working the sections. A vote of condolence with Bro. W. Cross, the Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction, who was absent owing to illness, and a special vote of thanks to Bro. Barnes, the veteran Preceptor, for again officiating as S.W., were also passed. Bro. J. R. Shingfield also came in for a word of praise for the efficient way he temporarily discharged the duties of Secretary. Lodge was closed, and the brethren separated, having passed a most instructive evening.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Meeting at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 10th instant. Bros. H. Kasner W.M., J. Green S.W., S. Dyer J.W., W. Seward S.D., A. Jones J.D., G. Coop I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, C. Andrews P.M., Simpkin, Botley, Mitchell, Stephens, Smith, Parker. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Botley candidate. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and regularly closed. After the close of the Lodge, the first meeting was held of the Committee of the Benevolent Association recently established in connection with this Lodge, and two ballots were taken for Life Governorships in one of the Royal Masonic Institutions. The fund is in a very satisfactory condition, and it is expected that one or two more ballots will be taken before the ensuing elections.

West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623.—A regular meeting was held on Monday, the 14th inst., when there was a good attendance. Bros. King W.M., Lawrence S.W., Mallett J.W., C. Taylor S.D., Davis J.D., Danner I.G. and others. Lodge was opened in due form at seven p.m., and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Willis offered himself as a candidate, was examined and entrusted; Lodge was then opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Davis worked the first and third sections, and the W.M. the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren.

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE February meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, subsequent to the Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Masters, at which the agenda paper for next Quarterly Communication was settled. Bro. John M. Clabon, President, Bro. Joshua Nunn, Senior Vice-President, and Bro. James Brett, Junior Vice-President, occupied the chairs of those Officers. The attendance of brethren was very large. The brethren first confirmed recommendations made at last meeting, to the amount of £235. There were 49 new cases on the list, of which five were deferred, and one was dismissed. The remainder were relieved with a total sum of £813, which was composed of one recommendation for £150, two of £50 each, two of £40 each, four of £30 each, three of £25 each, seven grants of £20 each, two of £15 each, ten of £10 each, one of £7, one of £5, and two of £3 each. The Lodge of Benevolence was closed after a sitting of nearly four hours.

Brixton Lodge of Mark Masters.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Saturday, 12th inst. There were present Bros. F. Lovegrove P.P.G. Sup. of Works Middlesex and Surrey W.M., C. P. Mackay I.P.M., T. Poore P.G.I.G. P.M., &c., G. Clark S.W., G. J. Dunkley J.D., H. Baldwin Prov. G.A.D.C. Sec., C. Axford R.M., C. Gilham S.D., J. Holliday J.D., A. Daw-Purrell I.G., R. Johnston W.S., J. Wyatt A.W.S., R. Potter Tyler; also Bros. D. M. Dewar G. Assist. Sec., and J. K. Pitt P.P.G.D.C., honorary members, attended. After opening of the Lodge the reading and confirmation of minutes, and taking the ballot for candidates, Bros. P. Cheek, E. Storr and J. Gibbs were introduced, and duly advanced to the degree of Mark Masters, the ceremony being effectively aided by Bros. Poore as S.D. and Johnston at the harmonium. The Lodge was closed in due form, and a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners opened by Bros. Poore as W.C.N., H. Lovegrove P.C.N. as J., and G. Clark W.C.N. as S., assisted by Bros. Baldwin, Dunkley and McKay. Bros. Holliday, Cheek, Storr, Wyatt and Johnston were elevated, the ritual being rendered in an impressive manner. The brethren dined together at the close of the proceedings under the presidency of Bro. H. Lovegrove W.M.

MIDDLESEX YEOMANRY CAVALRY (Head Quarters, 1 Princes-street, Storey's Gate, S.W.)—The Annual Ball of this popular regiment was held on Thursday evening, at St. James's Hall, under the patronage of Lieut.-Col Harfield and the Officers. The members were supported by a distinguished company, numbering over 500. The Quadrille Band of the Regiment, conducted by Band Master Graves, performed some excellent music. Dancing was kept up to an early hour, and thanks to the energy of the Hon. Secretary and Committee, everything passed off most successfully.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 19th FEBRUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Corinthian, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

MONDAY, 21st FEBRUARY.

1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
901—City of London, Gresham-street, E.C.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1683—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30 (Instruction)

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
331—Phœnix Public Room Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1057—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1602—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 1061—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement. Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In.)
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool,

WEDNESDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY.

Festival Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Tavern, at 5.30 for 6
Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons Hall, W.C., at 6.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 3 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1662—Besconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
290—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction.)
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 24th FEBRUARY.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
99—Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
1339—Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7. (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1563—City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
303—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
346—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
R.A. 1066—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
R.A. 1214—Scarborough Hall, Scarborough, Caledonian-road, Batley

FRIDAY, 25th FEBRUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction.)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C. 20—Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 26th FEBRUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

THE first meeting of this Lodge since the installation of Bro. William Harris, the present W.M., was held on Friday, 11th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, and a most enjoyable and harmonious evening it proved. It is quite unnecessary for us to dilate at any length on the peculiar characteristics of this Lodge, which has now attained a reputation throughout the Craft for its thorough Masonic character, the ability of its Officers, and the good-will of its members. The present occasion was no exception to the general rule, and as we have already said, everything went off most harmoniously. The W.M. was supported by a goodly array of Past Masters of the Lodge, the following signing the attendance book, viz:—H. B. Spink I.P.M., G. Everett Treasurer, W. J. Ferguson, W. F. Smith, I. Buscall, E. White, J. Willing jun., and J. E. Walford. The Officers present were—Bros. J. McClean S.W., W. Herbage J.W., T. Morris Secretary, W. M. Foxcroft S.D., R. Pierpoint J.D. and J. Jennings I.G., while among the Visitors who signed the attendance book were Bros. H. E. Price 1744, W. Fieldwick P.M. 1364, H. Higgins P.M. 1381, D. Drysdale P.M. 211, A. Hardy 201, R. Turner 795, J. C. Roberts 795, R. J. Taylor W.M. 144, E. Bowles I.G. 1056, W. Banbery 217, J. Knight 228, J. Hyde 1314, W. Smith 228, W. Webb S.W. 1381, J. S. Manley 1381, W. W. Morgan jun., T. J. Hyland P.M. 201, H. S. Newton 1704, Ilderton 317, &c. After transaction of the usual formal business, the ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. John Manning, and proving in his favour, that gentle-

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man was initiated. The other business of the evening comprised the raising of Bros. Brustad and Salmon and the consideration of a motion, of which notice had been given by Bro. P.M. Everett, Treasurer of the Lodge, to the effect that the sum of twenty-five guineas be voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at the next Festival of which the W.M. has agreed to represent the Lodge. The grant was carried with acclamation, and we can but congratulate Bro. Harris on so handsome a sum being voted to head his list, which we sincerely trust may occupy a prominent position in the records of Wednesday next. Bro. G. L. Everett was entrusted with the collar of Steward, and a proposition having been handed in, the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where the remainder of the evening was spent. At the conclusion of the banquet the W.M. proposed the toasts of the Queen and the Craft, the Prince of Wales, and the Grand Officers. Bro. Spink I.P.M. next assumed the gavel, to propose the health of the W.M. This was a toast always received in the Domatic Lodge with gladness and enthusiasm. The way in which the present Master had that evening performed his duties showed that he would add to the reputation of the Lodge. He was also imbued with the spirit of charity, and had consented to represent the Lodge at the Benevolent Institution Festival. It was only to be hoped that the brethren would support their present Master as they had him (the speaker) when he filled a similar office last year on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, when he had the gratification of taking up a list of which the Lodge could but be proud. The W.M. tendered his hearty thanks to his I.P.M. and the brethren generally, for the way in which they had received the toast of his health. He felt that the remarks just made by the I.P.M. were really genuine, and came from the bottom of his heart. As the brethren were all aware, he had undertaken the office of Steward on behalf of the Old People, and he might assure them that no effort would be spared on his part to make his list on that occasion worthy of the Domatic Lodge. He referred to the many good qualities of the Institution, and pointed out the great amount which was annually required to maintain it in its present sphere of usefulness, concluding by asking the brethren to do their very utmost on behalf of its funds, and thereby add somewhat to the comfort of the old brethren and widows who were compelled to seek the benefits it offered. The health of the initiate followed, the W.M. hoping he would never have occasion to regret the step he had that night taken in seeking to be admitted a member of the Craft, but that he would for many years have opportunities of taking part in the meetings of the Order, and more particularly of his mother Lodge. The initiate having suitably replied, the W.M. gave the Visitors. There was no Lodge in the Craft where visitors were more welcome than in the Domatic, where every endeavour was made to entertain them in such a way as to send them away gratified, and with a desire to attend again. Bro. Taylor and several others replied. The first speaker paid a well-merited compliment to the Master and his Officers for the way in which the work had been performed. Every point in the ritual had been carefully marked, and he felt that no one could have performed the third degree better than did the I.P.M. (Bro. Spink). He felt confident that the Master would have a prosperous year, as it was impossible, considering all the circumstances in which he was placed, that anything serious could occur. The M.M. proposed the toast of the Past Masters of the Lodge. He thought that in no Lodge would it be possible to find such a body of P.M.'s as in the Domatic. He felt he was unable to say enough in their favour, as they were at all times ready to assist in every way that lay in their power. He hoped they, one and all, might long be spared to come among them, lend their aid, and give their advice. Bros. Spink, Walford, Ferguson, Willing, Buscall and White severally replied. Bro. Smith, the oldest P.M. who now frequents the Lodge, referred to the progress of the Lodge since the time he was initiated, now twenty years past. Since that time the Lodge had seemed to enjoy one continuous round of prosperity, and at no time were its prospects brighter than at the present. Bro. Willing regretted that his other engagements prevented his more regular attendance. He felt, however, there was really no need for the Past Masters to worry themselves as to the way in which the Lodge would be likely to be carried on: it was only when the Master was inefficient that it was needful for the Past Masters to attend regularly, and such not being the case with the present Master, he felt no anxiety when compelled to absent himself. He looked upon Bro. Harris as a pattern of regularity, and felt that in the hands of so painstaking a brother the Lodge could but prosper. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary followed. The W.M. felt that the Lodge could hardly go on without Bro. Everett, the Treasurer. He seemed to do everything that could possibly be required to advance the interests of the Lodge, and to him they were indebted for very much of the success that attended them. Of Bro. Morris, the Secretary, he could also speak in the most flattering terms, he being a brother well fitted for the post he filled. The way in which he carried out the duties—which must be known to every member—was of a nature that could but be gratifying to all. Bro. Everett, in the course of his reply, said he had tried to deserve all the good things that had been said of him. No one could know, except by experience, the amount of work that the office of Treasurer entailed, especially in so large a body as the Domatic. He thanked the brethren very much for the way in which he was at all times received, and hoped the Lodge would ever continue in its present prosperous condition. He was extremely proud to be able to say—as he had on many previous occasions—that the Domatic Lodge was never in a more prosperous condition. Bro. Morris followed, assuring the brethren that so long as he was entrusted with the duties of Secretary, he should endeavour to fill the post to the satisfaction of all. The health of the Officers was next given, and those present having replied, the Tylor was summoned, and gave the customary closing toast, which brought the meeting to a termination.

Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487.—At the last regular meeting of this Lodge Bro. T. P. Palegrave S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, in succession to Bro. H. Threadingham.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday evening, 11th inst. Bros. F. Botley W.M., Franckel S.W., Maton J.W., J. J. Gunner S.D., Monson J.D., Sperring I.G., Gomm I.P.M., Kent, Lees, Blasby W.M. 780, &c. Bro. Gomm, in the absence of Bro. Roe P.M., kindly acted as Preceptor. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. Lodge was advanced to the second degree and resumed to the first, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gunner acting as candidate. The brethren were called to refreshment. After a brief interval labour was resumed, and Bro. Lees answered the questions leading to the second degree in a very satisfactory manner, and was entrusted. Lodge was resumed, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the 2nd degree and dues were collected, Bro. Frankel was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting. Lodge was then closed, with due observance of ancient custom.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 8th February, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Clark W.M., Christian S.W., Dignam J.W., Smyth S.D., Dallas J.D., Polak I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, Brasted acting Preceptor, Larter, &c. After due observance of formalities, Bro. Larter was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, Bro. J. Lorkin giving the traditional history. Bro. Christian worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree, when Bro. Smyth assisted Bro. Christian to work the third section of the lecture. Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till Tuesday evening, the 22nd, at 7 o'clock, when the Fifteen Sections will be worked by the following brethren:—Bros. Webb P.M. 1607 and 177 W.M., Cundick P.M. 1421 S.W., F. Brasted W.M. 1524 J.W., and W. Wallington P.M. 860 I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. J. Calling, Dignam, Dallas, T. Clark, Christian, Forss, Cundick. Second Lecture—Bros. Edwards, Fieldwick, Brasted, C. Lorkin, J. Lorkin. Third Lecture—Bros. Wardell, F. Carr, W. Wallington.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—Held at the Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, on Monday, 31st January. The installation ceremony was ably rehearsed by the Preceptor, Bro. W. H. Myers P.M., and Bro. Edney was installed into the chair of K.S. with the usual honours. He was supported by Bros. Franckel S.W., Brevetor J.W., Robson, Goddard, McDonald, Partridge, Hildreth, Windsor, Loring, Seymour-Clarke Secretary. The W.M. worked the second degree in able manner, and received a vote of thanks from the brethren. Bro. Edney was afterwards elected a member.

On Monday, 7th February, Bro. Franckel presided, supported by Bro. J. Aspinall P.M. as I.P.M., Brevetor S.W., Robson J.W.; also Bros. Goddard, Loring, Partridge, McDonald, Hildreth, Kimbell, Seymour-Clarke Secretary. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Hildreth candidate. Bro. T. Loring worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. McDonald worked the second and third sections.

On Monday, 14th February, Bro. J. Macgregor occupied the chair as W.M., Bro. Robson being S.W. and Bro. Partridge J.W., Bro. McDonald acting as I.P.M.; Bros. Goddard, Loring, Hildreth, Franckel, and many other brethren were present. After preliminaries Bro. Seymour-Clarke was questioned, entrusted, and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M. Bro. McDonald worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. Robson was elected W.M. for Monday next, when the third ceremony will be rehearsed. Brethren are cordially invited to attend. The Lodge is close to Hackney Downs Junction, and offers every facility for attendance. Trains to and from Liverpool-street every ten minutes.

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THE Festival for the current year of the Benevolent Institution is now among the events that are past, and after our remarks of last week in anticipation of the probable result, our readers will exhibit no sense of surprise when we tell them that with so large and influential a Province as West Yorkshire to lead the way, and so splendid a following on the part of the Metropolis and the other Provinces, the success of this particular Anniversary is unprecedented in the annals of Freemasonry, even the grand achievement of Bro. Binckes, in the summer of last year, having been surpassed. The number of Stewards fell very little short of 400, the Metropolis being represented by 124, West Yorkshire by 176, and twenty-eight other Provinces by 95. The total amount, as announced on Thursday morning as £14,160, was increased by supplementary contributions received in the course of that day to £14,262; and it is quite in accordance with the experience of past years that the actual sum realised will be even greater still. Thus the year 1881 has opened most auspiciously for our Institutions, and if the two Schools do no more than repeat their achievements of last year, we shall be in a position to give an account of Masonic Benevolence in excess of any it has been thus far our privilege to record.

Time does not permit of our giving the customary analytical sketch of the great event. We must, therefore, content ourselves with a few remarks pertinent to the occasion, and to the Institution in whose honour the Festival was held. After our article of last week, but little need be said in respect of the Charity itself. We pointed out then that the Benevolent is the youngest of our three Institutions, one of its Funds having been established by Grand Lodge in 1842, and the other in 1849. There was nothing in the nature of what was done at the outset that could possibly have induced the idea that, within the space of forty years, from such small beginnings there should have grown up so magnificent an Asylum as is our Benevolent, which places beyond the reach of want considerably over 300 old brethren, or widows of deceased brethren, bestowing upon the former a life annuity of £40, and upon the majority of the latter one of £32, the small additional number of female beneficiaries receiving each the half of her husband's grant. That it would be possible to do so much without making a special call upon the Craft must be obvious when we point out that the permanent income of the Institution from all sources is slightly in excess of £2600, while the permanent expenditure is about five times that amount. There was, too, on the present occasion, an additional incentive to the brethren to give increased help. In May next, twenty vacancies, on the two Funds together, will have to be filled, and there are, as nearly as possible, one hundred approved candidates, who will compete for those vacancies, and of whom, unless the authorities in the meantime make arrangements for an increase in the number of annuitants, some eighty decayed old men and women will necessarily be left out in the cold, to endure, as best they can, their present straitened circumstances for at least another year, if not, indeed, for an indefinite period of time. Thus, for the result we have announced above we are under a deep debt of gratitude to, in the first place, the Province of West Yorkshire and its popular chief, Sir Henry Edwards, who presided at the Festival, and, in the next, to the two hundred and more Stewards who represented the Metropolis and twenty-eight other Provinces. They together have done, as a Board of Stewards, what no other Board has ever done before. Brilliant as have the previous successes of Bro. Terry on behalf of this Institution, and of Bro. Binckes in aid of "Our Boys," as well as of Bro. Hedges at the two Festivals that have been held during his Secretaryship for "Our Girls," the Anniversary which is now past has proved to be more brilliant still. It may appear to be iteration, worthy even of the epithet which is usually associated with the word, on our part to mention again this fact within so short a space, but it is hardly possible to speak in terms too laudatory of such a result as that of Wednesday. Especially gratifying must it be to Sir Henry Edwards, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Yorkshire, to find that his acceptance of the chairmanship was so splendidly backed up, firstly, by his native Province, and then by the rest of English Masonry. It is, as we have remarked in connection with almost every Festival that has taken place since the beginning of the year 1875, no slight responsibility which is undertaken by the Brother who consents to preside at such a gathering. This responsibility, of course, is greatly lessened when he has at his back so large a Province, and one so consistent in its support of our Institutions as West Yorkshire. It is still further lessened when the Provinces evinced so resolute a determination to render their share of help on so large a scale. But none the less is it an arduous task to preside over a large assembly for a special purpose; and Sir Henry Edwards is to be congratulated that on the occasion of his appearance for the first time as Chairman at the Benevolent Festival, he should have secured a larger total than has ever been secured before, and over 70 per cent. as much as was contributed on the occasion of his Chairmanship, in 1876, at the Girls' Festival, when the late Bro. Little announced a total of £8214. West Yorkshire must also be congratulated on the magnificence of its achievement. When, on the occasion just referred to, its Chief presided at the Girls' Festival, the Province was represented by six-and-thirty Stewards, including the Chairman, and the total of its contributions was close on £708. None will deny this was a most satisfactory result even for so large a Province, but on the present occasion it mustered no less than 176 Stewards, and the total of its contributions reached the grand sum of £3500. It is true that East Lancashire on two occasions has exceeded this figure, once in 1869, when it seconded the efforts of its then P.G.M., the late Bro. Stephen Blair, on behalf of the Boys' School, and contributed £3885; and again in 1879, when Bro. Nicholas Le Gendre Starkie was its Chairman at the Benevolent, and it supported him to the extent, as announced, of £3542. But the trifling difference is immaterial. Both Provinces have distinguished themselves, just as West Lancashire, Warwickshire, and other Provinces have done, whenever the duty of supporting their several rulers has devolved upon them. The other Provinces, too, must not have their deeds passed over without notice, the twenty-eight which were represented contributing among them very little short of as much as was given by West Yorkshire, while London, with its strong array of representatives, gave over £6300. Especially do we single out little Herts, which contributes, though at a long interval, the second largest amount among the Provinces, and Bro. Buss, the worthy Assistant Grand Secretary, who, as regards the total of his list, heads the roll of the Metropolitan Stewards.

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Indeed, to each and every, who contributed in any way to the result of Wednesday's gathering, are due the thanks of the whole body of Freemasonry.

We have reserved all reference to Bro. Terry till the last. We all know how hard he works; how he throws himself heart and soul into the business of his office; how he interests himself in the welfare of the annuitants; how he lays himself open to provide them on occasions with some special entertainment; and how, moreover, he is ever ready to satisfy the inquiries of Craftsmen who may visit him at the offices of the Institution in Freemasons' Hall. We are also but too well aware, and our readers are also well informed on all these points, how, night after night in well nigh every week of the year, he, like his colleague of the Boys' School, Bro. Binckes, goes about visiting Lodges, not only in London, but in the Provinces likewise, his great object being to plead the cause of the Institution with which he is associated. There are those who say this self-imposed duty is quite unnecessary, and that brethren are not likely to be less liberal if they are left to themselves. This is not the view we take. We think the course which has been pursued by Bros. Terry and Binckes so successfully for many years past is right. We think it very likely that a considerable number of guineas would have to be subtracted from the contributions to our Institutions, if the personal exertions of the two most experienced of our Secretaries were not made, as they are constantly being made, in open Lodge and Chapter. We do not envy either of these energetic brethren the task they conscientiously feel it their duty to undertake and so honourably fulfil. It is no light matter to be, say, one day in Birmingham, then in Manchester, then in Sheffield, and, after a short interval, it may be, in Portsmouth, or Exeter. To carry this on for any length of time a man must have an iron constitution. It will probably be said that the Girls' School, under the present management, has been very successful without any peripatetic advocacy whatever. But the Girls' School reaps all the benefit of the labours of Bros. Binckes and Terry without incurring any of their trouble. Moreover, our late respected Brother Little was of the same opinion as his surviving colleagues. Perhaps, as this is somewhat of a controversial matter, we had better say nothing further, and leave the Executive of each of our three Charities to adopt the policy which suits them best. Let us bring these remarks, therefore, to a conclusion. The Festival just over will be a memorable one even among the great successes which have been achieved these latter years. The period is not the most favourable for heavy subscription lists. There are strikes and slackness of trade in one part of the United Kingdom, and there is civil disturbance in another. These do not justify our looking for unusual results, and yet, in spite of such depressing circumstances as admittedly exist in some parts of the country and must exercise a certain influence over the whole, the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, under the presidency of Sir Henry Edwards, backed by a Board of Stewards of close on 400 brethren, has proved a grand success. Let us trust this may prove an augury of what will happen at the Anniversaries of our two Schools.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons was held on Wednesday at the Freemasons Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, under the presidency of Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., D.L., Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire. The noble Chairman was supported by the largest number of Stewards ever known in connection with any of the Festivals of the Charities of the Order, no less than 395 brethren being enrolled on the list. The result of their efforts was an addition of upwards of £14,000 to the funds, which amount is far in advance of anything ever subscribed at one of the Masonic Festivals. The large banqueting hall was filled to its utmost capability, and generally the Festival was a grand success. The chairman was well supported by members of Grand Lodge, as well as by a very considerable number of brethren from his own Province. Grace having been said by Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn, Deputy G.M. Suffolk, the banquet was served. We cannot omit a word of praise to Bro. Best and his staff for the way in which the exceptionally large party was catered for; everything appeared to have been thoroughly well arranged, and the whole party was properly provided for. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Charles E. Tinney, Organist of Asaph Lodge, No. 1319. Grace having been sung, the toasts of the evening were proceeded with. The Chairman, in proposing the first toast—"Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen"—referred to her many intimate associations with the Craft; she was the Patroness of the Order, the daughter of a Mason, the niece of a Grand Master, and the mother of our much respected and esteemed Ruler, who was, without doubt, the most popular man in the kingdom. It would be, he thought, unbecoming to do more than express their admiration of her noble character and her many virtues. Long might she continue to reign over a loving and loyal people, of whom not the least loyal were the Freemasons of England. In giving "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., Most Worshipful Grand Master, our Patron and President, the Princess of Wales, and the other Members of the Royal Family," Sir Henry said,—The Prince of Wales, our noble Chief, was installed in 1875, in the presence of at least ten thousand Masons—the largest gathering and most distinguished assemblage of Freemasons ever held in this or any other country. He hoped His Royal Highness might be long spared to fill this honourable position and shed his influence over the Craft. The Masons of England were not only indebted to the Prince of Wales, but likewise to his two brothers, who had each filled high positions in the Craft, and were at all times anxious to advance its interests. To the other members of the Royal Family they were equally indebted for very many acts of kindness and consideration. The next toast was, "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and the Present and Past Grand Officers." Sir Henry Edwards said,—The Earl of Carnarvon was not only well known to all as occupying a high position in Masonry, but as a statesman and a highly gifted nobleman. All regretted his absence abroad, on account of delicate health, and earnestly hoped that he might be speedily restored to health and enabled again to preside over their deliberations in Grand Lodge. The Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, without exception, was perhaps the most industrious Freemason in England, and Lord Beaconsfield has honoured him in giving him a step in nobility. The name of Skelmersdale was a household word amongst Masons. Let those who did not know him, if any exist, go to West Lancashire for his character, there he was at home. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary replied on behalf of the Grand Officers. In proposing "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons," Sir Henry Edwards said,—Ladies and Brethren,—This chair has been occupied by many worthy Masons, but never did one take it with a higher sense of the honour or a higher sense of the responsibility attached to the position than myself. I am satisfied that it is no part of my duty this evening to plead for this Benevolent Institution. I am rather in the position of one to return thanks for most indefatigable labours with noble results. I am, like yourselves, most anxious to hear from Bro. Terry the outcome of the Stewards' labours. I may not anticipate his secret, but I know sufficient to warrant me in saying that some modern Homer must have found brethren in generous mood when he sang—

> Since kind Heaven with wealth our realm hath blest,
> Give it to Heaven by aiding the distrest.

He did not plead in vain. I may now mention that this Institution was first suggested by His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1842, when thirteen male annuitants received £290; now 150 male annuitants receive £6000, or £40 each. In 1849 the Widows' Fund was founded, under the late Earl of Zetland Most Worshipful Grand Master, when five widows received £75; now 155 widows receive £4960, in incomes of £32 each. Since the establishment of the Institution 531 brethren have received these annuities, and 304 widows have had their closing days cheered from this source. Roundly stated, the permanent income is £2610, and the expenditure £13,000, leaving a deficiency each year of £10,400. There are now 99 applicants, and only 20 vacancies. There is an Asylum at Croydon, affording a home for 33 annuitants, who have each two rooms, and are provided with medical attendance free, and coals during the winter. It needs no words from me to commend the toast entrusted to me, and I give you, "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons." I call upon Bro. Terry to read the Stewards' lists. Bro. J. Terry, Secretary of the Institution, then announced, amid the heartiest enthusiasm, the result of the Stewards' efforts, the list we give below, with alterations and additions made up to the time of going to press. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, D.L., R.W. Prov. Grand Master for East Lancashire, having proposed "The Health of the Chairman," Sir Henry, in responding, said: He could not adequately acknowledge the very kind and too flattering manner in which they had received the toast of his health. He assured his gallant, eloquent, and generous friend and neighbour, Colonel Starkie, he highly appreciated the kind expressions he had given utterance to. Would that he deserved all that he had said. When invited to take the chair at this Festival, he felt great diffidence, fearing perhaps the noble Institution might suffer in his hands; on the contrary, he had, indeed, reasons to be proud of the response to Bro. Terry's appeal. He would not attempt to say more than how deeply grateful he felt to the London brethren for their share in the munificent contribution. They would, he was sure, forgive him if he added one word of thanks to his dear brethren of West Yorkshire, who had not only subscribed largely, but had done him the honour of coming to London to be present and support him that evening. His best, his warmest thanks were due to the noble band of Stewards—no fewer than 395—the very largest number enrolled at any Festival. He must not forget his excellent and untiring friend the Secretary, Bro. James Terry, to whom he was especially and deeply indebted for his courteous assistance, and to whom all were indebted for the admirable manner in which he had discharged his onerous duties. With reference to the contribution of West Yorkshire, he might perhaps be permitted to state that the amount announced was not the largest ever sent up by a Province, but he might say that they gave every year something, and the aggregate for the past seven previous years amounted to £13,000 for the three Masonic Institutions. Bro.

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F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary of the Girls' School, replied on behalf of "The other Masonic Institutions," and the health of the Ladies having been proposed and acknowledged, the brethren repaired to the Temple, where the usual Concert was given, and the remainder of the evening was spent in company with the Ladies.

The following is a corrected list of the Stewards and amounts collected by them up to the time of our going to press.

LONDON.

Lodge				
	Br. Edgar Bowyer	115	0	0
	Samuel Rawson	10	10	0
	E C Woodward	10	10	0
	Wm Stephens			
	Abner Torkington	26	6	0
1	A Brookman	15	15	0
3	James Allan	26	3	0
4	Horace J Browne			
5	Jno Wm Jones	29	7	0
8	Thos Skewes Cox	15	12	0
10	Rev J N Palmer-	55	6	0
Chapter	(Rose Croix)			
10	Comp. George Powell	22	1	0
Lodge				
11	Br. L B Garrett	24	4	0
14	Geo H Hopkinson	26	5	0
18	Jno E Anderson	38	17	0
21	Chas Mansfield	41	17	0
Chapter				
21	Comp. George Lambert			
Lodge				
25	Br. T J Robins	46	5	6
28	Ellis Jones	44	12	0
29	Chas T Trendall	22	0	0
33	Ellis B Saunders	41	12	0
55	Wm Hy Marston	46	3	6
58	Oswald H Colven	70	7	0
60	Fredk Binckes	31	10	0
63	Wilmer Hollingworth	68	5	0
65	Chas Edwin Ferry	106	1	0
79	Henry Roberts	85	8	0
Chapter				
79	Comp. W G Batchelor	37	16	0
Lodge				
87	Br. Alfred W Woodliffe	45	17	6
92	H F Auldjo	10	10	0
101	Br. H J Reynolds	32	11	0
140	J G Loughborough	63	15	6
141	Wm Carter	50	15	0
Chapter				
142	Comp. J W Lambert	22	11	6
Lodge				
143	Br. Jas Hy Matthews	97	13	0
144	Robt Jno Taylor	75	8	6
Chapter				
157	Comp. Samuel Pownceby	37	15	0
Lodge				
157	Br. Lear J Drew	10	10	0
162	F B Williams	15	15	0
165	Chas Belton	39	13	6
171	Wm H Bateman	63	0	0
174	George Jones	124	3	0
Chapter				
174	Comp. James Terry (Sec.)	150	1	6
Lodge				
177	Br. Wm Harris	55	4	0
179	Arthur Millward	28	17	6
180	Chas J Wade	31	10	0
181	J F Hoddinott	42	0	0
185	M Bamberger	38	10	6
192	George Abbott	73	4	0
198	Robert Rowell	106	1	0
201	Thos Hyland	25	18	6
205	Chas F Hogard	77	7	0
206	Thos Jas Steel	52	10	0
211	Wm Radcliffe	55	18	0
217	J M Hodder	40	2	0
228	Robt Snare	30	15	6
228	Harley Paine	24	2	0
256	Robt P Notley	34	2	6
259	Thos W Carmalt Jones	78	15	0
435	Richard Jeffs	20	14	6
511	Robert Ward	31	15	6
548	W P Catterson	27	6	0
554	Jno G Stevens	126	0	0
Chapter				
554	Comp. Geo Gravely	21	0	0
Lodge				
569	Br J C Sanderson	117	2	6
657	Henry G Russ	315	0	0
704	Edward W Young	10	10	0
733	John Welford	116	3	6
749	Peter Parsons	36	1	0
754	J Garrod	115	10	0
766	Alfred Le Grand	33	12	0
781	B C Rawe	55	11	0
822	Hy Partridge Fry	37	16	0
861	S T Finch	47	17	6
871	Wm Hy Luckraft	58	16	0
879	W Topp	105	0	0
907	Thos Butt	38	9	0
917	Fredk Lovell Keays	21	0	0
938	Geo Hollington	100	0	0
969	Hy G Neville	40	5	0
975	James Garnar	47	5	0
1159	John Smith	16	16	0
1257	J T Pilditch	35	11	6
1278	W J Crotch	10	10	0
1278	Jno G Defriez	30	0	0
1287	Samuel Webb	90	4	0
1288	Frank Rothschild	31	10	0
1305	Chas A Smith	82	3	0
1348	Thos Foinet	47	14	6
1364	Augustus F Lay	62	7	0
1366	A Fish	104	14	0
1383	J W Waldron	133	7	0
1421	Hy Neville Taylor	80	0	0
1425	J T Mickleburgh	31	10	0
1441	Wm Ashwell	45	13	6
1446	T Cull (first instalment)	37	16	0
1471	Underdowne Knell	131	6	6
1489	Thos Hastings Miller	70	5	0
1507	Wm Side	84	13	0
1524	Fred Brasted	29	2	6
1540	Chas W Hudson	40	0	0
1593	Geo Wm Armstrong	63	0	0
1589	Arthur N Clemow	15	10	0
Chapter				
1589	Chas G Brown	10	10	0
1589	F H Gruggen	10	10	0
Lodge				
1607	E G Legge	63	0	0
1613	Bernard Groner	105	0	0
1622	Wm Clauson Thue	115	10	0
1629	Rev C J Martyn	52	10	0
1670	G McA Low	26	5	0
1677	Thos Goode	18	7	6
1681	Wm Honeyball	63	0	0
1693	Jas H Hawkins	24	0	0
1695	Wm Earle	32	11	0
1716	Leonard Potts	57	13	6
Chapter				
1716	John Dennis	17	17	0
1732	H Stiles	59	13	0
1745	Jas Strugnell	24	11	0
1772	Dr J Hunt	24	3	0
1804	F J Hunt	63	0	0
1816	Geo Edwards	52	10	0
1827	Wm H Cannon	10	0	0
1828	Louis Brysett	60	15	0
1839	Joseph W Brooke	17	12	0

BERKS AND BUCKS.

Lodge				
209	Br. E J Petts	28	17	0
574	Edward P Plenty	27	15	0
771	Joseph Ashby	49	17	6
945	John Tomkins	37	16	0
1501	James Batting	37	18	6
1566	Robert Nicholson	25	15	6
		207	19	6

BRISTOL.

Province	H O B O'Donaghue	54	2	0

CHESHIRE.

Province	Henry Bulley	201	12	0
104	Herbert Finch	21	0	0
537	Thos Marwood	10	10	0
537	J B Deakin	10	10	0
		243	12	0

CORNWALL.

1151	S G Bake (Controller)	10	10	0

DERBYSHIRE.

	John Smith, J.P.	36	15	0
1235	John Stanley	74	1	0
		110	16	0

DEVONSHIRE.

1402	John Chapman	10	10	0
	Chas Godtschalk	52	10	0
		63	0	0

DORSETSHIRE.

1037	R N Howard	45	4	0

DURHAM.

Province	Babington Boulton	158	5	6
764 & 1862	Chas S. Lane	15	15	0
		174	0	6

ESSEX.

Lodge				
214	Br Ernest B Florence	31	10	0
276	James S Brown	15	19	0
1799	Robt Jno Patton	10	10	0
		57	19	0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

82	Br Ernest W Godfrey	10	10	0
82	Rev T M Middlemore Whithard	42	1	0
Chapter				
82	Comp. J Brook-Smith	64	1	0
Lodge				
493	Br Samuel Moss	10	10	0
592	John Mullings, V.P.	78	15	0
839	Rd Vassar Smith	57	15	0
		263	11	0

HANTS & ISLE OF WIGHT.

Lodge				
35	Asher Barfield	38	17	0
309	John Mason	84	0	0
342	Geo P Arnold	57	15	0
694	Rev J W Thorpes	36	15	0
723	Richard Glasspool	42	0	0
1373	Thos Best	38	6	0
		297	13	0

HERTFORDSHIRE.

403	T S Carter	71	15	0
404	Jno E Dawson	212	11	6
449	Jas Shilcock	7	17	6
869	J Copestick	52	10	0
1385	J G Yolland	105	0	0
1479	Isaac N Edwards	6	6	0
		456	0	0

KENT.

77	Thos R S Champion	35	16	6
829	Thos Smith	75	0	0
1096	Edward Kirby	67	4	0
1206	R Joynes Emmerson	47	5	0
1223	Edward Jas Dodd			
1531	James Griffin	99	18	0
1678	J Jollie Pattisson	33	11	0
		358	14	6

EAST LANCASHIRE.

	Bro J L Hine	10	10	0
64	J W Maclure			
163	Wm Rome	84	0	0
221	Thos Entwisle	21	0	0
317	James Dawson	10	10	0
317	John Smethurst	10	10	0
		136	10	0

WEST LANCASHIRE.

86	W Newsome	10	10	0
86	Reginald Young	10	10	0
786	Fras Jas Bailey	10	10	0
241 and 1380	George Broadbridge	52	10	0
1021	Chas P Richards	52	10	0
1182	Robert Martin jun.	52	10	0
1384	Wm J Thomson	15	15	0
1502	Maurice Hart	52	10	0
		257	5	0

MIDDLESEX.

1238	R Lonsdale	42	0	0
1309	F G Luke, LL.B			
1326	Wm Prattent			
1512	J C Jesset	26	10	6
1549	George Tidcombe jun.	24	12	0
1567	R T Fennell	105	0	0
1637	Stephen A Cooper	32	11	0
1637	Thos W Cooper	10	10	0
1777	Horace B Marshall, C.C.	105	0	0
		346	3	6

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

1429	Wm Watkins	52	10	0

NORTHS AND HUNTS.

360	J U Stanton	150	0	0
787	John Henry Hale	41	7	0
		191	7	0

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NORTH WALES AND SALOP.

1674	W H Foulkes	-	10	10 0

OXFORDSHIRE.

340	T E Withington	-		
357	H R Cooper Smith, M.A.		108	14 0
			108	14 0

SOMERSETSHIRE.

Province	Capt A T Perkins, J.P.		58	17 0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

482	John Deeley	-	21	0 0
539	Wm Bayliss, J.P.	-	157	10 0
			178	10 0

SUFFOLK.

114	Wm Clarke	-	21	0 0
225	T J Wentworth	-	107	6 0
1224	H C Canham	-	8	13 0
			136	19 0

SURREY.

416	J D Thompson	-	10	10 0
1861	H E Frances	-	46	8 0
			56	18 0

SUSSEX.

40	Chas M Norris	-	34	0 0
271	Gerard Ford	-	141	1 0
			175	1 0

WARWICKSHIRE.

395	J E Stanley	-	10	10 0
502	Capt. C R Levett	-		
502	Henry Bennett	-	21	2 0
			31	12 0

YORKSHIRE (N. & E. Ridings.)

236	VeryRev A P Purey-Cust		31	10 0
1611	Jno Thos Seller	-	10	10 0
1611	Thos Humphries	-	10	10 0
			52	10 0

CHANNEL ISLANDS (JERSEY).

Province	Jno le Cronier, M.D.	-	220	10 0
244	Major J T du Jardin	-	21	0 0
			241	10 0

WEST YORKSHIRE.

176	Stewards	-	3,500	0 0

REVIEWS.

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Royal Arch Masonry appears to be fairly well represented in the District by the Chapters attached to the Lodges Nos. 349, 407, and 1717, and known respectively as Melita No. 349, William Kingston No. 407, and Ancient Carthage No. 1717. The Charter for the Warrant of the first R.A. Chapter, to be attached to the SS. John and Paul, bears date 1st August 1819, and was signed by the Duke of Sussex Grand Z., Lord Dundas H., and Comp. John Aldridge J., as well as by Comps. W. H. White S.E., and Edward Harper S.N. The earliest minutes of the Chapter are dated 15th May 1820, and indicate that Comps. W. Rodwell Wright, D. Noble, and A. C. Harris were Z., H. and J. respectively. Comp. Wright appears to have been P.G. Superintendent likewise. At the first election of Officers Comps. A. C. Harris, E. Noble, and H. Harper were severally chosen Principals. The next meeting was on 15th April 1822, and on 4th April 1823, Comp. Allen became Z., Comp. Ferro H., and Comp. Cotes J. Three days later seven brethren, among whom was the Right Hon. J. Hookham Frere, were exalted. On 6th April Lord H. Churchill received the degree. In 1825 Comps. W. R. Wright, Whitmore, and David were elected Z., H. and J., while in 1828 Comp. Whitmore was Z., with Comp. Witton as H., and David as J. A few days after this election, the following resolution was adopted, to the effect "that whenever a member of the Lodge Des Amateurs de la Sagesse of Marseilles (with which the Lodge of St. John and St. Paul is affiliated) may present himself as a visitor when this Royal Arch Chapter is open, should he be found to have arrived at a degree of Masonry that can be considered equal to our Sublime Degree of Jerusalem, although not exactly conforming to it in all respects, that he shall be admitted upon undergoing the customary ceremonies and obligations as usual for candidates on exaltation, *but exempt from fees*, and that this Chapter communicate this decision to the Lodge Des Amateurs De la Sagesse at Marseilles, and requests to be informed by them what degree in their system of Masonry they consider to be equal to the Royal Arch of Jerusalem as worked in England, and requests a similar indulgence from our affiliated brethren."

About six years elapse ere we have further records, and it is not till 6th May 1836 that we again have mention of any Officers, Comp. Douglas being recorded as acting Z., Comp. Pennington H., and Comp. Farr J. Comp. Galland was chosen Z. this year. There is again a lapse till May 1839, when Comp. Galland presided as Z., with Comp. Douglas as H., and Comp. Leonard as J. At the next meeting, on 19th February 1845, Admiral Sir Lucius Curtis was present. Meetings continued to be held at rare intervals till 1852, when there were several; while in 1854 there was a degree of activity corresponding with that of Craft Masonry, this being the result of the influx of troops into the island at that critical period. At a convocation on 14th March of that year, the chairs were occupied by Comps. Douglas, Winthrop, and Macbeath, as Z., H., and J. respectively. On this occasion Lord Loughborough, now Earl Rosslyn, the Hon. Percy, now General, Fielding, C.B., and Sir R. L. Newman, Bart., who was slain at Inkerman, and whose unclaimed certificate is still preserved among the archives of the Chapter, were exalted. After an installation in March 1857, a candidate was exalted, "who was subsequently put through the veils," while on the 3rd April Bro. R. F. Gould, of the Royal Naval Lodge, then No. 627, "having first passed the chair of Worshipful Master," was exalted. The minutes till 1862, we are told, are missing, but among items of intelligence gleaned from other sources we gather that in 1860 Companion Kingston's name first appears among the Visitors. In March 1863 Companion Armstrong became Z., Edwards H., and Liddell J. Comp. Edwards was M.E.Z. in 1864, and Comp. Andrews was elected to the same office, in 1865, though throughout the latter year the Chapter was worked, with Comp. Kingston as First Principal. In December 1875 Comp. Kingston was presented with a set of regalia, while in March 1868 he was elected Z., Comp. Douglas being H., and Bosworth J., with Comp. Rosenbusch N. On the 9th October, a sash, apron and jewel were voted to Comp. Douglas, who had been the mainstay of the Chapter for five-and-twenty years. In 1870, objection was taken to Comp. Doherty becoming J., on the ground that he was not a P.M. under the English Constitution. The question was referred to Grand Scribe E., whose decision was to the effect that, "to render a Companion eligible to be elected a Principal under the English Constitution, *he must be the actual Master or Past Master of a Craft Lodge under that Constitution.*" Meanwhile, however, Comp. Doherty had been elected W.M. of the Union Lodge, No. 407, and the difficulty was overcome. Since then the Lodge has been increasingly prosperous from year to year, and it only remains for us to mention that, on March 1878, five M.M.'s of the Ancient Carthage Lodge were exalted, thus enabling that Lodge to found the Ancient Carthage Chapter, while in October 1879, it recommended the revival of the Chapter attached to the Union Lodge. When it received the title of Melita does not appear.

The Warrant for a Chapter in connection with the Union Lodge was granted 5th November 1834, and continued working till 13th October 1873, when the Warrant was returned. No minute books have been published, but in the register of attendance 1862-6, there appear the names of Comps. Kingston, Armstrong, and McArthur, as the Principals, "and," adds Bro. Broadley, "we know Colonel McLeod Moore filled the third chair in 1849-50." Towards the end of 1879, it was revived as the William Kingston Chapter, and was consecrated by Comp. Kingston, an exaltee of the old Union Chapter, Comps. Rosenbusch, Lieut. C. E. Coffey, R.A., and Captain H. Gardner being installed Z., H., and J. respectively.

To the constitution of the third existing Chapter, namely, the Ancient Carthage, No. 1717, Tunis, objection was at first raised, on the ground that the Lodge had not been in existence the customary three years; but the objection was overcome in G. Chapter, and the charter granted, the first Principals being Comp. Broadley Z., Comp. Kingston H., and Comp. Reichelman J. After the consecration, &c., fourteen M.M.'s had the degree conferred upon them.

There was formerly a Chapter attached to the Zetland Lodge, a Charter having been granted on 4th August 1847, which was returned 13th October 1873. In 1857, however, the Principals' Chairs were filled by Comps. Jerome Z., Gingell H., and Captain N. G. Philips J. The veils seem to have been worked. It would appear to have been "prosperous during their rule, as it received, on the 7th May, £30 *from the Mark Lodge it appears to have chartered.*" Only the most modest amount of record has been preserved.

The Leinster Chapter, I.C., was warranted 2nd July 1857, and during the twenty-three years of its existence it seems to have been highly popular, especially with the military. Among those exalted in it must be included Captain Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Scribe E., who received the degree in 1858, and Viscount Glentworth, now Earl of Limerick, on whom it was conferred in 1861.

Mark Masonry is enjoying, at present, a high degree of popularity under the beneficent sway as P.G.M. of Bro. Broadley. Beside the Leinster Mark Lodge, in which 470 brethren have been advanced, and which works under the Irish Constitution, there are five English Mark Lodges, namely, the Keystone No. 107, warranted in 1870, the Kingston No. 222, the Broadley No. 248, Tunis, warranted in 1878, the Lodge of St. Louis No. 254, warranted in January 1880, and the Union No. 263, Malta. The first W.M. of the Keystone was Captain Gorham, R.A., and, after his installation, Bro. Kingston was advanced. Bro. Conolly, W.M. in 1871, was succeeded by Bro. Kingston, who was installed by special dispensation, having never filled the chair of Warden in a Mark Lodge. In 1878, during the Mastership of Bro. Westrup, several members of the Ancient Carthage Lodge were advanced, and the Lodge then supported the petition for a Mark Lodge at Tunis, to be called the Kingston. The Warrant, the first granted outside British territory, is dated 11th April 1878, and the consecration and subsequent installation of Bro. Broadley as first W.M. took place on 25th June following, Bro. Kingston fulfilling

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the duties of Consecrating and Installing Officer. On 12th May 1880, the Lodge was visited by Bro. Guest, M.P., P.G.M.M.M. Dorsetshire, and Bro. Chas. Hambro was advanced. In the two years of its existence no less than seventy-two M.M.'s have received the degree, of whom twenty-five were English, fifteen French, and twenty-four Italian. The other Lodges are also in a flourishing condition, the total numerical strength of the five Mark Lodges being 162. Thus the P.G. Master has a numerous and very enthusiastic body to support him, and we have every reason to believe that with such chiefs, and such a following, Mark Masonry will go on prospering.

Chapter IX, which is occupied with the consideration of "Christian Masonry" is full of interest. Here again, the late Bro. W. Rodwell Wright, first P.G. Master of Malta, plays the leading part. He, as may have already been gathered from our earlier articles on Brother Broadley's book, was a most enthusiastic brother, and as able as he was enthusiastic. We have already seen that when, in 1807, the late Duke of Kent executed a charter for the revival of "The Knights of the Exalted, Religious, and Military Orders of the Temple and Holy Sepulchre of St. John of Jerusalem," &c., Bro. Wright was elected the first Grand Master, and retained that office till 1812, when he resigned in favour of H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex. On Bro. Wright's appointment to a high judicial post in Malta, as we have noted previously, he eagerly set himself to the task of placing Freemasonry there on a sure and solid basis. What he did for Craft Masonry has been recorded, and Bro. Broadley, who is the most competent of living Craftsmen to form an opinion as to the extent of Bro. Wright's Masonic labours, has little doubt "that it was he" (Bro. Wright) "alone who introduced the working of Christian Masonry amongst the zealous and indefatigable founders of the Lodge St. John and St. Paul, and the Melita Chapter attached thereto." He considers he is justified in concluding, from facts which he is at the pains of describing subsequently:—

"Firstly, that Bro. Wright, as ex-Grand Master of the Red Cross and the Temple, sanctioned the working of these degrees in Malta between the years 1815 and 1825.

"Secondly, that he made some considerable progress with his design of making Malta the head-quarters of a Grand Priory or Provincial High Council of the Order of the Red Cross.

"Thirdly, that he contemplated in theory (and probably carried out in practice) the working of the degrees of the Temple and the Hospital as an integral portion of the Red Cross System.

"Fourthly, that it was from his authority the old Melita Grand Encampment took its rise, which, twenty years after his death was restored to something more than its pristine vigour by the labours of the present Grand Prior of Canada, Colonel McLeod Moore."

Bro. Broadley finds his justification for having arrived at the foregoing conclusions in what he describes as "one of the most complete documents in the MSS. of Bro. Wright," entitled "Red Cross of Palestine.—Provincial Division of St. John." For so much of this document as is given by Bro. Broadley in this Chapter we must refer our readers to the work itself. We may, however, state that two draft Certificates are reproduced as attesting the working of the Red Cross degree in Malta under Bro. Wright's auspices. The first of these, dated "this — day of November A.L. 5826, A.S.H. 1822" is granted to Sir A. C. Harris by Bro. Wright, who is described as "*at present Grand Prior*, and heretofore Grand Master, of the Order of the Red Cross of Palestine and Division of St. George instituted in the Kingdom of England," and who certifies, "by virtue of the authority to him belonging in his *present character as Grand Prior*," that he has "communicated the secrets both of the Lesser and the Greater Cross of the said Order" to the aforesaid Sir A. C. Harris. The other is dated 19th April 1824, and certifies that our "Faithful and Beloved Brother Sir — Coates, whose name is written beneath our own with his own hand, after having been duly received into the noviciate of the said Order by our Brother Sir John Daird, Knight of the Grand Cross thereof, in this Island of Malta, was regularly installed also a Knight of the Grand Cross in an occasional chapter thereof holden under our authority at Valletta in the Island aforesaid, on the — day of — A.D. 1823, and fully instructed in the secrets to the said degree of Knights Grand Cross appertaining."

From 1827 to 1849 the history of Christian Masonry in Malta appears to have been "a complete blank," but on the 10th February in the "latter year" an encampment of High Knights Templars and Knights Hospitalers of St. John of Jerusalem, or Knights of Malta, was working with considerable activity and success at Freemasons' Hall (also styled Templars' Hall), No. 43, Strada Zaccaria, Valetta," the principal officers being Fra. Sir Knights William J. B. McLeod Moore G.C., Edmund Goodenough Kt. R.C. G.M., Charles Line G.P., Edmund Stephen Thomas Bart. C.G., Thomas Flack 1st Captain, James Smyth 2nd Captain, R. Thomsett Recorder, T. Flack Chancellor, Thomas Seddall Warder. In 1850, the Melita Encampment "*placed itself* under the banner of, and obtained a charter from, the Supreme Grand Conclave of England and Wales," which, on the election in 1846, of Colonel Kemys Tynte as Grand Master of the Templars in England, had at once shown "signs of revival," and had shortly become so powerful that the Melita Encampment took the step we have described. Sir Knight McLeod Moore was the first E. Commander under the new régime. Among those who have filled the chair of E. Commander and Prior of this Melita Grand Preceptory and Priory, we find in addition to that of Sir Knight Moore, the names of Sir Knights Captain N. G. Philips, St. J. Edwards formerly D.G.M. Malta, E. Rosenbusch D.D.G.M., W. Kingston D.G.M., Colonel Boldero, and A. M. Broadley P.D.D.G.M. There is also a Provincial Priory of the Mediterranean, Colonel Boldero having been installed as the first Provincial Prior in 1875. When he left the island in 1877, Sir Knight W. Kingston was appointed his successor. The Calpe Preceptory, Gibraltar, is on the roll of the Provincial Priory. The same distinguished Brother is Intendant General of the Red Cross Degree, and has issued a provisional warrant for the working of a Conclave to be known as the Wignacourt. Be it added that there is a Rose of Sharon Chapter of Rose Croix, the 18th Degree A. and A. Rite, and also a Prov. Grand Council of the Allied Degrees with Bro. Broadley as P.G.M.

There is an Appendix, which contains much interesting official and statistical information respecting the different branches of Freemasonry in the island.

We have purposely treated Bro. Broadley's history thus in full because we are always glad of an opportunity of placing before our readers anything in the shape of Lodge histories. We cannot, however, conclude our remarks without expressing an opinion that Bro. Broadley's work is most valuable, and, as we said at the outset, it has been most diligently put together. Nor can we omit to say a few words as to the style in which Bro. Kenning has done his part. The book is as well printed and as neatly and elegantly bound together as any of its kind we have seen. It is, in short, a most workmanlike production, whether we look at it from a literary or a printer's point of view.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ROYAL LODGE, No. 643, FILEY.

THE Installation Meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held at the Lodge Room, Crescent Hotel, on Monday, the 14th instant. The Lodge was opened at 3.15 p.m. The following brethren were present:—Bros. J. Winfindale W.M. (in the chair), W. B. Jackson I.P.M., R. Dobson P.M., W. Budd P.M. as I.G., Val. Fowler S.W., R. Land J.W., Walter Fisher P.M. Hon. Sec. 200 and 1760, T. M. Lee S.D., W. Cranswick J.D., W. Jefferson Tyler; Bros. John McFaden, E. Harland, W. Hawkes, H. Darley, E. H. Green, W. H. Russell, W. S. Meek, H. A. Darby, T. Pickering, J. Barwick, John Dale; Visitors—Bros. H. J. Morton, J. Knaggs, J. R. Dippe, A. W. Cass, J. Varley, T. Brunton, A. Parkinson, E. Kitchen, J. W. Harrison, Gilbert Wilkinson, S. W. Fisher, R. Y. Powley, R. H. Peacock, T. H. Dunn, W. Peacock, J. Hargrave, H. A. Williamson, J. H. Hackett, W. Milner, J. W. Taylor, H. Chapman, Jos. Shaw, John Inskip, W. B. Richardson, A. Neimans, J. A. Rines, R. Mitchell, H. P. Neimans, George Woodall, John Bowes, A. Frazer, John Woodall, Ivor Murray, M.D., George Dippe, George Dixon, W. Tonks, James Townend, E. Cooper, and many others. There was one joining member balloted for and accepted, and two candidates were then prepared and initiated by the W.M. Bro. Valentine Fowler S.W. was presented by the W.M. to the Installing Officer, Bro. J. W. Woodall P.M. P.P.G.S.W., and was duly installed in the chair of K.S. He appointed as his Officers Bros. J. Winfindale I.P.M., R. Land S.W., W. Cranswick J.W., R. Dobson P.M. Treasurer, Walter Fisher P.M. Hon. Sec., T. M. Lee S.D., H. Darley J.D., E. H. Green Organist, W. S. Meek and W. Dunn Stewards, John Dale I.G., W. Jefferson Tyler. After the closing of the Lodge, the brethren sat down to a most excellent banquet, provided by that well-known excellent caterer, Bro. Varley, of the Crescent Hotel, the newly-elected W.M. Bro. Valentine Fowler being in the chair, and the I.P.M. acting as vice. After the health of our Most Gracious Queen and the Craft had been given with much fervour from the chair, and most loyally received by all present, the W.M. gave H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro G.M., and the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom D.G.M. The next toast on the list was the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland R.W. P.G.M. of North and East Yorkshire, and the other P.G. Officers. Bro. Murray, M.D., responded. The next toast from the chair was the Installing Officer, Bro. J. W. Woodall, who responded in very appropriate terms. Next in succession was the W.M. of the Royal Lodge, and the newly-appointed Officers, each of whom returned thanks in warm expressions for the honours conferred upon them. Then came the retiring W.M. and his Officers, the highly-respected and worthy I.P.M. responding in a genial and humorous speech, each of the retiring Officers following in the same strain. After the "Masonic Charities," the "Visiting Brethren" was drank, to which Brothers J. Harrison, Ivor Murray, and G. Wilkinson severally replied. Success to the Old Globe 200, the Denison 1248, and the Leopold 1760, having been proposed, the Worshipful Masters of those Lodges respectively returned thanks. Bro. Dobson's health was drunk on his appointment as Treasurer, and on his accession as the oldest P.M., to which he gave a well-worded and appropriate response. The indefatigable and intelligent Hon. Secretary, Bro. W. Fisher, was next toasted, amidst loud applause; a warm eulogium was pronounced on his unceasing efforts to promote the well-being and prosperity of the Lodge. He returned thanks in a short, but feeling and excellent address. The health of Bro. Darley, the oldest member of the Lodge, was proposed by Bro. J. W. Woodall, and drank with all the honours, Brother Woodall at the same time presenting Bro. Darley with a purse of money, which had been contributed by the brethren present. Brother Darley, who had travelled from his distant home to pay his annual visit to his mother Lodge, is above eighty-two years of age, and returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him by drinking his health, as also for the generous donation so kindly presented him. He assured the brethren that so long as his life might be spared by the G.A.O.T.U., he should always endeavour to be present at the Installations in his mother Lodge. Everything that could tend to promote the harmony and good feeling existing amongst the brethren, was contributed by each present, and the members who possessed the gift of a melodious voice, vied with each other in giving some most excellent songs with great effect, and which were received by their less gifted brethren with unbounded applause. Upwards of sixty brethren sat down to banquet, and this most successful and enjoyable meeting will long live in the memory of the brethren of the Royal Lodge. A rather singular coincidence occurred on the occasion of Bro. Fowler being installed as W.M. His Christian name is

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Valentine, and his installation took place on Valentine's Day. An appropriate song, composed by Bro. Darley, was presented to him, as follows:—

Brother Masons, arise, and join in the chorus,
When you hear what it is you will gladly obey;
A heart-stirring duty is present before us,
To welcome our Master on Valentine's Day.

Und voce elected to rule us, we render
A willing consent to be under his sway;
As a proof of that feeling we all of us tender
Our "hearty good wishes" on Valentine's Day.

The jolly old Veteran he has succeeded
Has made his path easier every way;
To follow his footsteps is all that is needed
To merit our plaudits on Valentine's Day.

In "brotherly love" we each of us greet him;
For his health and his happiness all of us pray;
And when in the Lodge, 'tis our duty to meet him,
We'll hark back with pleasure to Valentine's Day.

At the end of the year, when his term shall expire,
May each of the members be able to say,
"There is not one amongst us could ever desire
A better than ruled us on Valentine's Day."

Then raise up your voices and join in the chorus,
And let our energy loudly display
How earnest the wish, that our brother before us,
May live to see many a Valentine's Day.

Filey, 14th February 1881. H. A. D.

SOUTHAMPTON LODGE, No. 394.

ON Thursday, the 17th inst., Bro. T. P. Payne was installed W.M. of this Lodge, at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, Southampton. Bro. Payne, who has rendered most valuable service to Masonry during his lengthened connection with the Order, has previously presided over two other Lodges in Southampton, viz., the Royal Gloucester and the Peace and Harmony; and at the unanimous request of the brethren he has now taken the chair of the Southampton Lodge. The ceremony of installation was performed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (V.W. Bro. Hickman), who himself, twenty years ago, was installed for the first time as Master of the same Lodge. There was a large assembly of brethren, and some fourteen Past Masters took part in the installation ceremony, which was very impressively conducted by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The new Master having assumed the chair, proceeded to invest his Officers as follow:—Bros. A. Paris S.W., H. Lashmore J.W., J. D. Barford S.D., E. Gayton J.D., W. Furber P.M. Treasurer, E. Howell P.M. Secretary, H. P. Aslatt P.M. D.C., Rev. S. Scott I.G. Bro. the Rev. J. H. Mason will take the office of Chaplain to the Lodge upon the attainment of full Masonic *status*. The melancholy death of Bro. F. H. McCalmont, while Master of the Lodge, accounts for the non-investiture of any I.P.M. The usual banquet followed.—*Portsmouth Times*.

City of London Lodge, No. 901.—The first meeting of the members of this Lodge, under the presidency of the newly elected W. Master, Bro. Charles Beaumont, took place on Monday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, when the attendance included Bros. Alfred Ginger I.P.M., G. C. Cundy S.W., J. Hughes J.W., Henry Darcy P.M. Treasurer, George Darcy P.M. Secretary, D. Hughes S.D., T. McClelland J.D., E. T. P. Harris I.G., Ernest C. T. Hand Organist, J. T. Woodstock Tyler; also Bros. W. R. Haylock, R. P. Stevens, A. J. Pritchard, Robert Gillard, George M. Gross, F. Chinnell, G. Smith, Robert Torry, W. Venner, Henry Barnett, G. Ruhardt, R. K. Stubbs, J. Eade, Edward Venner, H. W. Taylor, F. J. Ford, G. Chivers, Geo. Brittan, Frederick J. Lawrence, William Dance, William Walker, W. G. Smith, P. J. Walker, A. H. Bisley, and W. Easey. Visitors—Bros. J. H. Boyt 137, G. W. Knight 1507, G. Bentley 20, and W. C. Plater 720. Lodge having been opened in accordance with the usual formalities, the ballot was prepared for Bro. William Charles Plater, of the Panmure Lodge, No. 720, as a joining member, proposed by Bro. Ernest C. T. Hand, seconded by Bro. F. Lawrence. The voting was unanimously in his favour. The ballot was then opened for Mr. Peter John Walker, of 104 Seven Sisters'-road, Holloway, nominated by Bro. E. C. T. Hand, seconded by Bro. R. Gillard; and for Mr. Alfred Henry Bisley, of 40 South Island-place, Clapham-road; and for Mr. William Henry Easey, of Brunswick-street, Poplar, proposed by Bro. E. Harris, and seconded by the late Bro. J. Turner. All three were unanimously accepted, and having been found worthy, were duly initiated by the W. Master, who, on this the first occasion since his installation, performed the ceremony in such a manner as not only to give the utmost satisfaction to the brethren, but to show promise of more than ordinary skill and aptitude in the future. Bros. A. J. Pritchard, George M. Gross, W. H. Taylor, Robert Torry, and Geo. Brittan, having answered the usual questions satisfactorily, were entrusted, and subsequently were passed to the second degree by the W. Master, who here also acquitted himself in a most creditable manner. To add to a rather heavy agenda paper, already sufficient to test the capabilities of a young Master on his *début*, two aspirants for the sublime degree put in an appearance, in the persons of Bros. F. J. Ford and F. Churchill, the impressive ceremonial being rendered with considerable effect and precision by the W. Master, with but little assistance being needed from the I.P.M. At the conclusion of a more than usually arduous sitting, followed by the transaction of some formal business, Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren partook of a light supper, under the presidency of the W. Master, when the customary Loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured. The proceedings of the evening were enlivened with some excellent singing, and a very agreeable *réunion* was enjoyed.

KINGS CROSS LODGE, No. 1732.

THE Installation Meeting of this young, but prosperous Lodge, was held on Saturday last, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bro. J. T. Briggs W.M. presided, and was well supported by his Officers, the members, and a goodly array of visitors. Lodge having been opened with the accustomed formalities, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. F. C. Austin was entrusted and retired, and Lodge having been advanced to third degree, was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being ably and impressively performed by Bro. Briggs and his Officers. Bro. Henry Stiles S.W. and W.M. elect, was then presented in form for the purpose of receiving the benefits of installation at the hands of Bro. Briggs. The preliminary formalities having been observed, all below the rank of I.M. withdrew. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, Bro. Briggs occupying the chair of W.M., with Bros J. J. Michael S.W., and James Terry See. R.M.B.I. as D.C. Bro. Briggs performed his part most ably, and subsequently, on the re-admission of the brethren, delivered the several addresses in a manner which reflected on him the greatest credit. Bro. H. Stiles appointed and invested the following as his Officers for the year, namely, Bros. H. Higgins S.W., Lewis Solomon J.W., J. J. Michael P.M. Treasurer, Frederick Saintsbury Secretary, Leon Jacobs S.D., G. H. Gorringe J.D., C. B. Putland I.G., B. Kauffman D.C., W. R. Yates A.D.C., Frank Fletcher W.S., A. Hubbard A.W.S., Daly Tyler. Bro. Michael proposed, and Bro. Higgins seconded, that a vote of thanks be given to Bro. Briggs for his services as Installing Officer; and Bro. Stiles, in submitting the motion, took the opportunity of presenting to Bro. Briggs the Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the Lodge, in recognition of his services in the chair. Bro. Briggs very gracefully acknowledged the vote of thanks for what he had done that day, and expressed himself as being very strongly impressed with the kindness of the brethren for the jewel they had voted him with complete unanimity. He trusted he should be long amongst them, if only to evince his sense of gratitude by wearing the jewel. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent dinner, in every way worthy of the reputation of the Bros. Clemow. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and heartily acknowledged. With that of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, was associated the name of Bro. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, the W.M. rendering due honour to Bros. T. Cubitt P.G.P., W. Clarke A.G.P., and G. Beale Grand Steward. Bro. Buss, with his wonted heartiness, expressed his thanks for the compliment paid to the Grand Officers, whose services to Freemasonry were universally recognised, and to himself, who had derived great pleasure from attending the Lodge. Bro. Briggs I.P.M. was charged with the duty of proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, and, in fulfilling it, he expressed his belief that Bro. Stiles would be found a worthy occupant of the chair of K.S. He had diligently and ably fulfilled the duties of the inferior offices, and there was no doubt he would follow in the footsteps of another of the same family, who had already presided over the fortunes of the Lodge. Bro. Stiles acknowledged the compliment so kindly paid him, both in respect of the eulogistic terms in which it was proposed, and as to the kindly manner in which it had been received. He should do his utmost to carry out the duties of his office to their satisfaction, and expressed a hope that, when the term of his Mastership came to an end, the Lodge would be found to be in as prosperous a condition as it was at present. He concluded by proposing the toast of I.P.M. (Installing Master) and Past Masters, to which Bro. Briggs responded most heartily. For the Masonic Charities, Bro. Jas. Terry was called upon to reply, and he did so, it is needless to say, in his most effective manner, laying especial stress on a point which we have again and again noted, that if the members of our Fraternity would only contribute the small sum of five shillings per annum all round to each of our Institutions, there would be no need whatever for especial appeals, and the Institutions themselves would be, in all probability, enabled to extend the sphere of their usefulness. He also, as a matter which goes without saying, referred in hopeful terms to the approaching Festival of the Benevolent Institution. In reply to the Visitors' toast, Bros. Blasby, Side, Hudson, Murlis, Buss, Beale, Irvine, Hemmings, and Hickman responded. The other toasts, customary on these occasions, having been given, the brethren dispersed. We append a list of the Visitors, which is as follows:—Bros. B. E. Blasby W.M. 780, W. Devine 832, J. Shipley J.W. 30, G. G. Stanham 173, Thos. Cubitt P.G.P., H. G. Buss A.G.S., S. L. Hickman P.M. Joppa 188, W. Side W.M. 1507, L. Bamberger P.M. 1366, W. J. Murlis P.M. 1642, C. E. Barratt Kidder S.W. 12, Jas. Irvine 862, C. W. Hudson W.M. 1540, F. Silvester 193, E. Storr I.G. 167, G. Beale Grand Steward, W.M. elect 8, Geo. Oddy 754, J. Garrod J.W. 754, Jas. Hemmings 1287, R. L. Creber 70, S. Dicketts 193, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 17th inst. Present—Bros. J. Green W.M., A. Jones S.W., Hamilton J.W., Wilkinson S.D., C. Andrews P.M. J.D., Porter I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, Henry Stephens, and J. Wells Secretary. With all formalities duly observed, the Lodge was opened to the third degree, and then resumed to the first. Bro. J. Wells answered the questions leading to second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Captain Wilton, a member of this Lodge, having received an appointment on the staff of Sir Samuel Rowe, for service against the King of Ashantee, sailed a few days ago, and it was unanimously agreed to telegraph to Bro. Captain Wilton at Madeira, to convey the hearty wishes of the brethren that he may have health and success in the Cape Coast Colony. The Secretary was requested to write a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Clarke, wife of Bro. J. Clarke, who lies seriously ill. Bro. A. Jones was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

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Brecknock Lodge, No. 651.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 15th March, at Freemasons' Hall, Brecon. Bros. J. A. Whittle W.M., John Morgan S.W., T. C. Bargrave Watkins J.W., T. H. Price Treasurer, Ernest H. Teale Sec., Rhys Davies S.D., H. C. Rich jun., J.D., Adam Orlopp D.C., E. T. Edwards Steward, T. H. Price I.G., W. Hamelin Tyler pro tem; P.M.'s Bros. Frank Grundy, Thomas Butcher, Richard Webb, and H. C. Rich sen. After preliminaries, the ballot was brought into requisition for the election as joining member of Bro. J. Watkins, Lodge 1212 Devonport; for Mr. Francis Henry Shepherd, as a candidate for initiation; to ballot for Bro. Henry Martin, as Tyler, in place of Bro. James Jones, deceased. The result in each case was favourable. Bro. J. Morgan proposed, and Bro. Butcher P.M. seconded, that the financial report for 1880 be adopted. The W.M. brought forward the desirability of forming a Benevolent Fund in connection with the Lodge, and after some discussion it was agreed that it be further considered next month.

Metham Lodge, No. 1205.—A meeting of the members of this Lodge was held on Monday, 21st inst., at the Lodge-room, Stonehouse, for the purpose of electing a Worshipful Master, Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year, when Bros. T. A. Peek, D. Cross, and J. Gidley were unanimously elected to fill the above posts respectively.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 22nd inst. Bros. Smith W.M., Rawe S.W., Innes J.W., Prosser I.G., Worsley Sec., Pavitt acting Preceptor. Lodge opened in due form with prayer, when the following Sections were worked:—1st, Bros. Worsley; 2nd, Watkins; 3rd, Rawe; 4th, Worsley; 5th, Pavitt; 6th, Smith. Bro. Rawe W.M. 711 was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. In addition to the brethren named above, Bros. Smith and Pavitt deserve great praise for the way in which they worked the Sections allotted to them. The brethren present were highly pleased.

Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 22nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. In the absence of the W.M. (Bro. F. H. Clemow), due to a severe cold, the I.P.M. Bro. John Douglass took the chair, supported by Bros. James Willing P.M. as I.P.M. Treasurer, J. L. Jones S.W., Hyland J.W., W. M. Stiles Sec., Deller J.D., Holt I.G., J. W. Smith D.C., Sillis W.S., Johnson A.W.S., Smith Org., Koester Tyler. Visitors—Bros. W. J. Ferguson P.M. 177, Case P.M., J. Cherry 19, Holt 874, E. Storr I.G. 167, &c.; also Bros. Dovey, Captain Cole, Joyce, Wilkes (2), Hare, Ellis, Wall, Wauthier, Perugia, Greenfield, Jagels, Hoare, and many others were present. The Lodge having been regularly opened, the Worshipful Master impressively raised Bros. La Hag and Pitkin. Three brethren, W. Slater, J. Cohen, and J. Michell were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, after which a ballot was taken for five gentlemen, which being in their favour, Messrs. J. M. Fulton, J. Bryan, and C. Veit were properly introduced and regularly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. After some routine business, Bro. P.M. Willing announced to the brethren that either the W.M. or he would represent the Lodge at the Boys' Festival. Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren (67) adjourned to the banquet. Owing to domestic bereavement, Bro. J. Douglass was compelled to leave, and the Worshipful Master's chair was occupied by Bro. J. Willing P.M., founder, who, in proposing the health of the Visitors, expressed the regret of the brethren at the absence of their W.M., and more particularly at the cause of it. Bro. Willing wished to impress upon the brethren the desirability of all earnest brethren, especially the Officers, joining the Royal Arch. The brethren had in Bro. Ferguson, their distinguished Visitor, one who now occupied the chair of two Chapters in London; he would be only too happy to receive any brethren amongst the ranks. In Bro. Storr they had an invaluable and indefatigable Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction used by the officers and many of their friends. These brethren were associated with Bro. Stiles, their Secretary, and the W.M. assured them they would always find a cordial welcome, combined with excellent teaching. The Visitors having eloquently responded, the health of the Initiates was given. The W.M. said they had paid every attention to the ceremony, and had raised the number of brethren in the Lodge to over 100. The Lodge had just commenced the third year of its existence, and it was highly gratifying to the founders to witness its success. He trusted it would continue as numerous and happy for many years. They certainly experienced an immense improvement where they now met over what they had to put up with before, and a deep debt of gratitude was due to Bro. Best, the proprietor, for the splendid suite of rooms placed at the disposal of the Lodge, as well as his liberal catering for their creature comforts. The initiates suitably replied, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close about eleven p.m. Bro. Stiles and several other brethren sang some capital songs.

Kings Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—On the 13th instant, at Bro. Devine's, the Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square. Bro. Burgess W.M., Birrell S.W., L. Solomon J.W., Cleghorn S.D., Guyer J.D., J. Edwards I.G., Devine Treasurer, L. Jacobs as Secretary, J. Hemming Preceptor, and twenty-nine other brethren. After preliminaries, the first section of the first lecture was worked, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. H. Phillips acting as candidate. The fourth and fifth sections were worked. Bro. B. Phillips, No. 93 Scotland, J. Douglass 571, Kabul lane 1613, G. Lundbury, and H. C. Francis were unanimously elected members. Bro. Birrell was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

THE MASONIC HALL (SOUTHAMPTON) COMPANY.—The first annual report of the Directors of this Company has just been issued, and upon the business of the past year a dividend at the rate of 4 per cent. is recommended.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls met on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons Hall. There were present Bros. Colonel Creaton Grand Treasurer (in the chair), E. Letchworth, Thomas Massa, James Peters, Rev. A F. A. Woodford, Griffiths Smith, Arthur H. Gladwell, Henry Massey, John A. Rucker, and W. Bailey. The Committee increased the salary of Brother Hedges, the Secretary, by £100 a year from the 1st January last, in consideration of the zeal and assiduity he has shown in the discharge of the duties of his office during the time he has held that position. Bro. E. Letchworth, who moved in place of Bro. Joshua Nunn, Bro. W. Bailey, who seconded the motion, and Bro. Arthur E. Gladwell, who supported it, spoke in the highest terms of Bro. Hedges' efficiency as Secretary, and of the quiet, unassuming way in which he had so much conduced to the success of the Institution. Three petitioners were placed on the list for the election in October. Bro. Thomas Massa gave notice of three motions he intended to make at the Quarterly Court in April, and the Chairman having been authorised to sign cheques in discharge of accounts, the Committee adjourned.

The great pressure on our space, owing to the Festival of the R.M.B.I., necessitates our holding over report of the installation meeting on Monday, 21st instant, of the Gooch Lodge, No. 1238, Twickenham, Middlesex. We must fain content ourselves with mentioning, therefore, that the retiring W.M., Bro. Mesrouze, was highly complimented for the signal services he had rendered to the Lodge, and that such services were handsomely recognised by the presentation to him of a Past Master's jewel. During his year of office the Gooch Lodge has made considerable progress, thanks to his ability, diligence, and zeal; and this is all the more creditable seeing that Bro. Mesrouze is by birth and education a Frenchman. He is, indeed, a sojourner amongst us, being professionally engaged in the somewhat arduous and certainly unenviable task of imparting to Englishmen a knowledge of his own language. Bro. Mesrouze, however, it should be stated to his credit, is thoroughly well versed in the English tongue, and speaks it with an accent we have rarely heard in his fellow-countrymen. He is, moreover, a graduate of the University of Paris, and is essentially, therefore, a scholar, and one well qualified to play the part of a tutor. We wish him every success.

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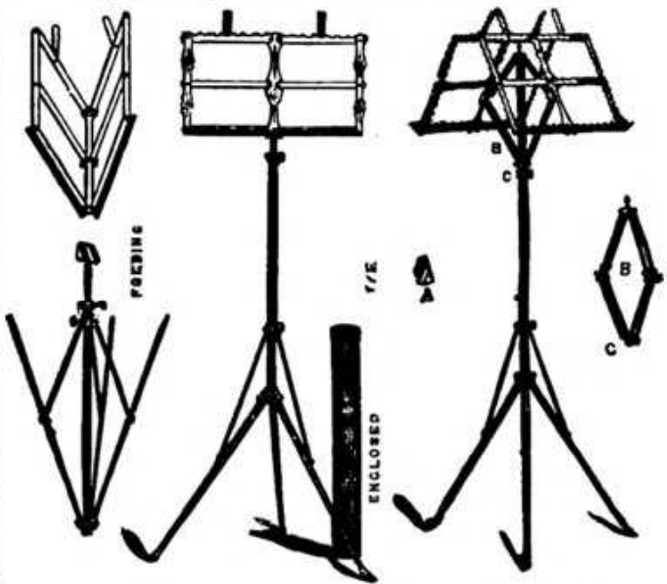
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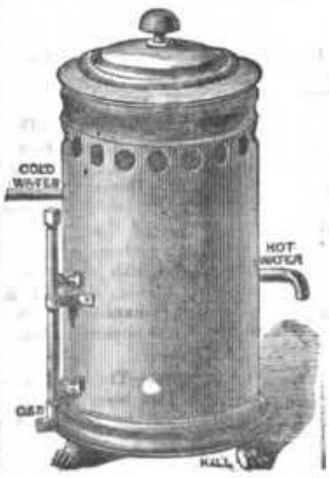
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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 2nd March 1881:—

1. The Regulations for the Government of Grand Lodge during the time of Public Business will be read.

2. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 1st December 1880 will be read and put for confirmation.

3. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.

4 Election of a Grand Treasurer.

5. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz.:—

The Widow of a Brother of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, London	£50	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the St. James' Lodge, No. 765, Southwark	50	0	0
A Brother of the Howe Lodge, No. 587, Birmingham ...	75	0	0
A Brother of the Victoria Lodge, No. 1056, London ...	75	0	0
A Brother of the Silent Temple Lodge, No. 126, Burnley, Lancashire	100	0	0
A Brother of the East Medina Lodge, No. 175, Ryde, Isle of Wight	75	0	0
A Brother of the British Lodge, No. 736, Mauritius ...	50	0	0
A Brother of the Isca Lodge, No. 683, Newport, Monmouthshire	150	0	0
A Brother of the Ivy Lodge, No. 1441, Camberwell ...	50	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Merit, No. 934, Whitefield, Lancashire	50	0	0

6. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The board of General purposes beg to report that:—

1st.—The Lodge No. — having laid before the Board a formal complaint against a Brother, Immediate Past Master, for retaining in his possession the Minute and other Books belonging to the Lodge, and refusing to hand them over to the Worshipful Master, the Board proceeded to deal with the complaint, and caused the said Brother and also the Worshipful Master and Secretary of the Lodge in question, to appear before them.

2nd.—The matter having been fully gone into, and the parties heard, the Board unanimously resolved, and ordered as follows:—

1st.—That the Lodge Books, improperly retained by the Brother in question after his vacation of the Chair of the Lodge, be handed to the Worshipful Master of the Lodge forthwith.

2nd.—That the conduct of the said Brother, in thus improperly retaining the Books of the Lodge, is, in the opinion of the Board, a Masonic offence proved to their satisfaction, and that he be, therefore, suspended from all his Masonic functions until the further order of the Board.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

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To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 11th February instant, shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of £5,977 6s 8d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £96 15s.

7.—Report of Bro. R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge Accounts, of Receipts and Disbursements during the year 1880.

8. PROPOSED MOTIONS:—

1. By Bro. John M. Clabon P.G.D., President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

That inasmuch as the recommendation by the Lodge of Benevolence to Grand Lodge, that a grant of £100 should be made to Brother Hugh R. Edwards, came to an end by his death, the Lodge of Benevolence be empowered, to the extent of that sum, to repay any expenses incurred for his benefit during his life or in relation to his death.

2. By Brother Tudor Trevor P.M. No. 944, Bombay, now of No. 41, Bath, and late of No. 1511, Hornsea.

That in consideration of the very exceptional circumstances of his application for pecuniary assistance, and that he has been much embrassed by the unmasonic litigation which ensued in defiance of the Principles of the Craft, and especially of No. 6 of Antient Charges and Regulations, consequent on the part he took in the exclusion from his Lodge, No. 1511, of an offending Brother (which exclusion was approved by the Provincial Grand Master), this Grand Lodge is pleased as a *Special Case* to direct the grant of £150 from the Fund of General Purposes, to Brother Tudor Trevor, P.M. &c., in aid of his costs in defending the action "Brother Voigt versus Brothers Carr, Laking, and Trevor," tried at Leeds in August last, and in respect of which costs Brother Trevor affirms that he has already paid £169 4s 11d, and that he has been greatly impoverished thereby.

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

No. 1887.—St. Hilda Lodge, Wallingford, Berks.
1888.—St. John's Lodge, Featherstone, Wellington, N.Z.
1889.—St. Andrew's Lodge, Bedford, South Africa, E. Div.
1890.—Broad Arrow Lodge, St. George's, Bermuda.
1891.—St. Ambrose Lodge, Kensington.
1892.—The Wallington Lodge, Carshalton, Surrey.
1893.—The Lumley Lodge, Skegness, Lincolnshire.
1894.—The Herschel Lodge, Slough, Buckinghamshire.
1895.—The Thames Lodge, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.
1896.—The Audley Lodge, Newport, Shropshire.
1897.—The Citadel Lodge, Harrow, Middlesex.

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IN consequence of the long illness and subsequent death of the Most Excellent Companion John Huyshe P.G.J. of England, and Provincial Grand Superintendent of the Province of Devon, the Provincial Grand Chapter has been practically in abeyance. The last meeting for real business, as far as we recollect, was held at Topsham, 10th October 1877, since when no P.G. Officers have been appointed. We are glad to know officially that the M.E. the First Grand Principal His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been pleased to appoint the M.E. Companion Viscount Ebrington to be Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry in and over the Province of Devon, to whom in future all communications relating to Royal Arch Masonry are to be addressed, excepting of course annual returns to Grand Chapter, applications for certificates, and other matters specially directed by the general regulations to be made to the Grand Scribe E., and which must be made as usual. We congratulate the Province on this appointment, which will be a popular one, and conduce to the prosperity of this important degree in Freemasonry.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

CARNARVON CHAPTER, No. 804, HAVANT.

THE annual Installation Meeting of the above Chapter was held on Tuesday, the 15th, but owing to various causes, some of the Officers elect were unable to be present. After the election of a candidate for exaltation at the next meeting, the ceremony of installation was performed by M.E. Comp. J. N. Hillman, the retiring First Principal. Comps. E. E. Street and T. Francis were respectively installed in the chairs of Z. and H., and Comp. H. M. Green P.Z. was placed in the chair of J. pro tem, in the absence of Comp. J. Lintott. Comps. W. Dart and J. A. Elverston were then invested with the collar of their offices as E. and P.Soj. Comp. J. J. Field N. elect was absent through illness; Comp. Hillman was then invested as Treasurer, and the First Principal, on behalf of the members of the Chapter, presented him with a P.Z.'s jewel; in doing so, he referred to the unremitting zeal and ability displayed by Comp. Hillman P.P.G.P.Soj. Hampshire and I.W. in connection with Royal Arch Masonry in general, and with this Chapter in particular, he having been elected to the chair of Z. on three occasions. The jewel bore a suitable inscription; round the emblems was the name and number of the Chapter, and on a shield on the ribbon "Portsmouth Chapter, 487." in commemoration of Comp. Hillman having filled the chair of First Principal in that Chapter. Comp. W. Blackmore was appointed Janitor. The Chapter being closed, the Companions adjourned to a banquet at the Dolphin Hotel. In addition to the above there were present—Comps. H. R. Trigg, J. Wicks, and J. Harrison P.Z.'s, J. Purnell P.H., O. N. Wyatt Z. Cyrus Chapter 38, and W. H. B. Burrell Lennox Chapter 271.

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DE SUSSEX CHAPTER, No. 406.

THE regular Convocation of this Chapter took place on Friday evening, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Maypole-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The respective chairs were filled as follow:—Companions T. J. Armstrong M.E.Z., J. Wilson P.Z. as H., Dr. Luke Armstrong J., H. Hotham P.Z. Treasurer, G. Cockburn S.E., John Wood as N., R. Carr P.S., R. G. Salmon A.S., and G. S. Sims Janitor. The Chapter being opened, the ballot was successfully taken for two brethren, and they were exalted to the sublime degree by Most Excellent Companion E. D. Davis P.Z. P.P.G.H. in his usual perfect and impressive manner. Companion G. J. Dean P.Z. 24 gave the third lecture, and Companion Davis gave the first. The election for Officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with; it resulted in the unanimous selection of the following Companions:—R. L. Armstrong Z., Dr. Luke Armstrong H., G. Cockburn J., Ralf Carr S.E., R. G. Salmon N., S. M. Harris P.S., H. Hotham P.Z. Treasurer, G. S. Sims Janitor. The M.E.Z. proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Companion E. D. Davis for his kindness in coming and working the degree so beautifully; this was carried by acclamation. Chapter was then closed, and the Companions adjourned to refreshment. The Visitors present were Companions E. D. Davis P.Z. 24 P.P.G.H., J. S. Wilson P.Z. 991, G. S. Dean P.Z. 991, J. Wood H. 48, R. Simons 481, and Davis (Bombay).

PANMURE CHAPTER, No. 720.

THIS Chapter met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on the 14th inst., when there was a goodly attendance of Companions. In the absence of the M.E.Z., the chair of Z. was occupied by E. Comp. Henry Smith P.Z., who was supported by Comps. R. N. Field H., Samuel Poynter J., James Stevens P.Z. Scribe E., and Comps. T. Meggy N., B. R. Bryant P.S., J. W. Watts 1st Assist. Amongst others present were Comps. Jas. Terry, Baldwin, Gilbert, &c., and visiting Comp. Henry Thompson M.E.Z. 619. After confirmation of previous minutes, a ballot was taken for Bro. W. Wilkins, of the Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, and being found clear, that Brother was introduced and exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. The ceremony was conducted throughout in an exceedingly perfect manner, and without the slightest omission or hesitation on the part of the several Officers, and later in the evening the candidate himself referred to the great impression made on him by the confidence with which he was inducted into the Order, at the same time remarking that he could hardly have expected a different result, as the three Principals and other Officers who performed the ceremony were all Past Masters of his (the Burgoyne) Lodge, of each of whom he had had previous experience in Craft Masonry. The Chapter next proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, and in each case unanimous votes were given for Ex. Comps. Field as Z., Poynter as H., Thomas Meggy as J., James Stevens P.Z. as Scribe E. (we are informed that this is the thirteenth re-election of Comp. Stevens), B. R. Bryant, J. W. Watts P.S., and John Gilbert Janitor. An Audit Committee was appointed, and the cordial thanks of the Chapter voted to Ex. Comp. Henry Smith for officiating as Z. on this and the previous occasion of meeting. It was only natural that in this Chapter recognition should be given to the work of its Scribe E, and consequently it was ordered that a copy of his Map of Masonic Lodges and Chapters should be set in a handsome frame and hung conspicuously in the Chapter room. Companion Stevens acknowledged the compliment, which evidently gave him gratification. Business being completed, refreshment followed labour, and under the presidency of Comp. Smith a very pleasant evening was passed. In replying to the toast of the exaltee, Companion Wilkins, in a very able speech, expressed his pleasure with all he had heard and seen, and pledged himself to an equal devotion to the interests of the Order to that he had already taken in Craft Masonry. Companion H. Thompson, the only Visitor present, paid a high tribute to the perfection of working he had witnessed, and congratulated the Chapter on its recognised position in the Order with reference to its able interpretation of the ceremonies. After a thoroughly enjoyable evening, the proceedings closed, it having been first intimated that the Installation of Principals will take place on the 9th of May next. Ex. Companion James Stevens has been requested to perform the duties of Installing Principal on that occasion, and has promised to carry out same, with full ceremonies.

North London Chapter of Improvement.—A meeting was held at Bro. Fysh's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Thursday, 17th inst. Present—Comps. Osborne (Scribe E.) J., Pearcy P.S., Hunter H., Fenner N., Edmonds (Preceptor) Z., Sheffield, Moss, Hobbs, Cogan, and Hubbard Exaltee. The working was extremely well done. Before closing the Chapter a resolution was proposed by Comp. Moss, and seconded by Comp. Hunter, that 500 circulars be printed and circulated to various Chapters, informing members desirous of advancement that a Chapter of Improvement is held at the Jolly Farmers every Thursday, at 8 o'clock.

Illustrious Bro. Lorenzo Augustus Homfray has been appointed Inspector-General for the Western District, in the place of General Doherty, who has resigned, in consequence of ill health.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Sudden changes of temperature sorely try all persons prone to rheumatism, sciatica, tic doloreux, and many similar maladies scarcely less painful, though of shorter duration. On the first attack of stiffness or suffering in any muscle, joint, or nerve, recourse should immediately be had to fomenting the seat of disease with hot brine and rubbing in this remarkable Ointment, which will assuage the uneasiness of the part, subdue inflammation, and reduce the swelling. The Pills, simultaneously taken, will rectify constitutional disturbances and renew the strength. No remedy heretofore discovered has proved so effective as the Ointment and Pills for removing gouty, rheumatic, and scrofulous attacks, which afflict all ages, and are commonly called hereditary.

MARK MASONRY.

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MACDONALD MARK MASTERS' LODGE, No. 104.

THIS Lodge held its first meeting for the present year on Saturday, the 19th instant, at the Guildhall Tavern, London, E.C., when a large number of members and visitors attended. Lodge was opened at three o'clock in the afternoon by the W.M. Bro. F. H. Cozens P.G. Organist, and the following Officers:—Bros. W. P. Collins P. Prov. G.D. S.W., N. J. F. Bassett P. Prov. G.S. J.W., G. Yaxley P.G.S. M.O., W. C. Hale P.G.S.B. S.O., J. K. Pitt P. Prov. A.D.C. J.O., V.W. P.M.'s Thomas Meggy P.G.S.O. Treasurer, W. William Worrell P.G.O. Secretary, James Stevens P.G.J.O. D.C., W. Johnston R.M., Theodore De Leliva G.S. S.D., T. W. Symons J.D. Amongst other members present were the V.W. Bros. Frederick Binckes P.G.W. and Grand Mark Secretary, R. Berridge G.D.C., and Alfred Williams P.G.S.D., E. P. Spice P.G. Steward, and Bros. Mildred, Bale, Nettleship, &c. The Visitors were the V.W. Bros. Frederic Davison Deputy Grand Mark Master for Middlesex and Surrey, D. A. Dewar Asst. Grand Mark Secretary, and W. H. Gimingham P.M. of the Tenterden Mark Lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, ballot was taken for two candidates named in summons, and Bros. Francois Ducher, of the Rothesay Craft Lodge, No. 1687, being in attendance, was introduced and advanced to the honourable degree, with full musical ceremony, the whole work connected with which was most impressively rendered. The Deputy Grand Master was pleased to express his favourable opinion in regard to the ceremony, and endorsed the minute book to that effect. A committee was appointed to revise the bye-laws of the Lodge, which in some particulars require emendation. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, the provision and service of which, by Bros. Ritter and Clifford, left nothing to be desired. On the removal of the cloth the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., that of the Queen being most unexpectedly, but most appropriately, accompanied at the exact moment by the National Anthem, played by the full band of the London Rifle Brigade, then being dismissed, after parade, in the courtyard of the Guildhall. For Grand Mark Lodge the Deputy Grand Master for the Province, the V.W. Bro. Davison responded, and again expressed his gratification with the admirable working he had witnessed in Lodge, and his earnest hope that in the future its members would aim at a continuance of that meritorious endeavour which had so fully established the *prestige* of the Macdonald as one of the best exponents of the ritual of the degree. The W.M., in reply to the toast in his honour, which was proposed by Bro. Meggy, renewed his former promises to maintain the dignity of his position, and to promote the prosperity of the Lodge, and harmony amongst its members. By unanimous request the W.M. at once gave a practical evidence of his great ability to promote "harmony" in a musical sense, by indulging the brethren with one of his ever tuneful and amusing songs, the reception of which compelled him still longer to leave the presidential chair in the occupation of Bro Meggy, whilst he complied with the general requirements for another just in the usual way. For the Past Masters, Bro. Stevens made a brief response, which was followed by a "Yankee Electoral Address" from Bro. Gimingham, whose clever recitals for some time kept the table in a roar. At a later period of the evening the worthy Brother again assisted digestion by reciting another mirth convulsing narrative, and his earnest endeavours to delight his audience were unmistakably appreciated. The reception of the Visitors having been most cordially given, Bro. Ducher, whose foreign accent somewhat increased the effect of his words, made a forcible speech, in the course of which he said his impressions with regard to Masonry might be different from those of others, but he could not but believe that Freemasonry, which good and true men had for three thousand years been helping to build up as an edifice that hereafter will be the temple of humanity, had a potent mission, which mission would be accomplished, and the time would surely come, not, almost certainly, in our period, when that edifice, which we in our turn were helping to complete, would become universal, and embrace humanity as one nation, one people, one creed. To this glorious end he believed the work of the Order he had just entered was equally devoted as that of other branches of Freemasonry, whilst he felt bound to admit that the ceremony of his advancement had impressed him beyond any other he had gone through. The remarks of the worthy Bro. were listened to with profound attention. For the Visitors, the Asst. G.M. Sec., the V.W. Bro. Dewar, replied, endorsing the flattering expressions of former speakers. The Masonic Charities and the Mark Benevolent Fund called up Worshipful Bros. Binckes, Meggy, and Spice, who severally responded, Bro. Binckes, in the course of his remarks, referring to the frequent opportunities afforded him to dilate on the cause of charity, particularly in connection with the useful Institutions of Freemasonry. He acknowledged the sympathetic aid by means of which those of the household of faith, not so fortunate as ourselves, were not forgotten, through the social organisation of the Order, and felt assured that no one of us who may have contributed towards the assistance of those in need ever yet felt the worse off for so doing. Bro. Meggy gave a brief *résumé* of the progress of the Mark Benevolent Fund from the time, not many years ago, when but five Stewards could be obtained to represent Lodges at the Festivals, to the present, when as many as thirty-two worthy members of the Mark Degree offered their valuable assistance. He congratulated the Macdonald Lodge on the fact that it had sent Stewards on all occasions but two since the existence of the Fund. Bro. S. Spice, in an equally able manner, testified to the good done by all the Charities of the Order, and concluded a telling speech with the remark that the Stewards, whether in the past or the present, might well be looked upon as corner-stones of that Temple of which Bro. Binckes had so eloquently spoken. The remaining toasts

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—the Treasurer and Secretary, the Officers of the Lodge, and the Tyler's—were then given, and the brethren separated, each and all delighted with the happy reunion. We must not omit to mention that, in addition to the admirable songs and recitations of the Worshipful Master and Bro. Gimingham respectively, Bros. Symons, Meggy, and Ducher contributed materially to the musical entertainment of the evening.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

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HUYSHE ROSE CROIX CHAPTER, R.D.M.

THE annual meeting of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, the 22nd instant, at the Temple, Princes-place, Plymouth, when Excellent Bro. Thomas S. Bayley M.W.S. elect was duly installed, the impressive ceremony being performed by the M.W.S.E. and P. Bro. the Rev. Thomas Lemon 30°. The following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—Companions E. and P.P. Rev. Thomas W. Lemon, M.A., I.P.M. W.S., W. Hearder First General, James Keats Second General, Admiral Glasse Prelate, J. Edward Curteis 31° Treasurer, J. Harris Square Recorder, Francis B. Westlake G.M., John Dunn Barker Raphael, Aitken Davies H., Major Chard Captain of Guard, F. Reed Almoner, W. Molesworth St. Aubyn Director of Ceremonies. The Treasurer's accounts were received and duly passed. Bro. John Pearce Sawyer P.M. Erme Lodge was duly balloted for, and incepted as a member of this Chapter, the ceremony being performed by E. and P. Bro. J. Watts, assisted by E. and P. Bros. Curteis and L. D. Westcott. The annual banquet was held at the Globe Hotel. A large number were present, and, as is usual at this famous hostelry, the viands and attendance were excellent. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most enjoyable evening spent.

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UNITED SERVICE LODGE.

THE installation of the Officers of this Lodge took place on the 8th of January, when Bro. W. H. Addiscott, chief engine-room artificer of H.M.S. Victor Emmanuel, was impressively raised to the chair of King Solomon by the Very Worshipful Bro. C. B. Chater Deputy District Grand Master The collars were thus distributed:—Wor. Bros. G. May I.P.M., S. Coomber S.W., J. Windrum J.W., Wor. C. W. Duggan Treasurer, J. Beattie Secretary, N. Perry S.D., C. S. Barkley J.D., C. Wassinus Steward, A. J. Bridges Organist, C. Partington I.G., A. J. Grimble Tyler. At the conclusion of the business, the Lodge was closed, and ninety-seven brethren, including several officers of high rank from the Fleet, sat down to a sumptuous banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured, it was announced from the chair that a much respected member of the Lodge—Bro. Joseph Thomas, Sergeant-Major, R.A.—had suddenly passed away. He was on duty at high noon, and ten minutes afterwards had ceased to exist. He leaves a wife and two children not over well provided for. A collection was at once made, and a sum amounting to over £30 was subscribed for their benefit. On the following morning another brother—W. H. King—who left England some time since, to take the post of sergeant in the Hong Kong police, expired, after seven months' illness, leaving a wife and son, who are well respected, and will not need to return to England to find friends. Bro. Thomas's funeral took place on the 14th January, and was an imposing and impressive ceremony, being attended by over 800 representatives of both branches of the Service, all vieing to honour the Craft in the obsequies of the deceased. For the above information our thanks are due to the *Western Daily Mercury*.

BURDETT COUTTS LODGE BALL.

THE annual ball given in connection with this Lodge took place on Monday, 21st inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, and proved one of the most successful gatherings we remember taking part in. It has very truly been said that it is not for mortals to command success, but on this occasion everything that could possibly be thought of to deserve it was done, and, as we have stated, with a most satisfactory result to all who attended. It may hardly come within our province to refer to the dresses of the ladies, but as we look upon these gatherings as being provided especially for them, we think we are justified in doing so. We could but notice the good taste that prevailed in this respect, we may say, without exception, the varied hues in which our fair sisters were attired added greatly to the beauty of the picture presented. Dancing was well sustained until midnight, when an adjournment took place to the supper-room, where the good things provided were partaken of by the company, under the able presidency of Bro. Dr. J. G. Defriez, who was supported in the vice chair by Bro. R. L. Sturtevant, the Hon. Sec. of the Lodge. The President confined his remarks to introducing the few toasts usually given within very narrow limits, as he felt assured that those present would much prefer the fare provided in the ball room than listening to long speeches from himself and colleagues. Bro. Sturtevant proposed the health of the President, referring to his many good qualities, and expressing a hope that he might live long and enjoy good health. After the reply of Bro. Defriez, the toast of the Ladies was given from the chair and to this Bro. W. W. Morgan jun. responded. A compliment having been paid to the Stewards, the party again proceeded to the ball room, where the remainder of the programme was gone through. One of the features of the second part was the fourteenth dance, which bore the name of the Burdett Coutts Quadrille, and which is certainly a worthy representative of a worthy Lodge. The music for the evening was provided by Mr. A. Cohen, and as on the conductor and his assistants very much of the enjoyment of an evening depends, we hardly think it is necessary, after the preceding remark, to add that he performed his part satisfactorily.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

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A YOUTHFUL, BUT AMBITIOUS AUTHORITY ON THE CONDUCT OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A few days since I was among the Visitors at a rising Lodge in the Province of Middlesex, a Lodge which is well-known for its hospitable reception of brethren who are not members, and, it is needless to say, I thoroughly enjoyed myself. The work was well done, the dinner was a success, and the speeches were above the average. But I derived amusement as well as enjoyment. I met a well-known and highly popular representative of your esteemed journal, and in the course of the evening some well-deserved compliments were paid him on the tone and character of the paper with which he is connected. When the meeting was over, and those brethren who were under the necessity of availing themselves of the services of the "iron horse" were patiently waiting at the station for the arrival of the train that was to convey them Londonwards, a lively conversation ensued, in the course of which, complimentary reference was again made to the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and it was suggested to a young brother who had that evening been honoured with appointment to an office far higher than he could have anticipated, and who had expressed his determination to commence forthwith making himself acquainted with the duties of that office, that he should begin his course of study by reading your journal, as he would be likely to gain from its columns a good many wrinkles. Our young and inexperienced brother, however, was "all there." He had heard, he intimated, very much about the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and he expressed himself in terms of well-nigh unlimited condemnation of the course it had pursued in connection with the Collingwood case, and especially of certain remarks it had made as to the last Quarterly Court of the Boys' School. In fact, in a very offhand kind of way, he threatened that he and another brother, whom he named, had seriously intended throwing up Freemasonry altogether, as he considered the conduct—or, perhaps I should say the misconduct—of the case referred to above was unworthy of Freemasonry, and that the CHRONICLE had erred egregiously in advocating such treatment. In the first instance, I was inclined to think this expression on the part of a kind of half-fledged brother should be questioned. But second and better thoughts prevailed, and ultimately I came to the conclusion that it was a grand joke to have heard a brother, on the strength of his having been appointed to a responsible office, with the duties of which he was entirely unacquainted, cry out against the conduct of a case of which he evidently had no true and certain knowledge. Indeed, his comments struck me as being so ludicrous that I have been at the pains of writing to you these few lines in the hope that you will find a corner for them. If this young brother is so deeply concerned about the Collingwood case, and your remarks on it, that he feels he ought to throw Freemasonry up, let him do so. I dare say Freemasonry will survive the loss.

Yours fraternally,

A VETERAN M.M.

ELIAS ASHMOLE, WINDSOR HERALD, AND FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am delighted to find that you now number among your correspondents a writer so able as Bro. J. Paul Rylands, F.S.A. The above subject is a most interesting one, and I trust that it will now receive the attention it deserves. No one can better deal with the subject than "SCRIBE E. AND J.W. 148."

Yours fraternally,

P.M. WEST LANCASHIRE.

We have recently had an opportunity of seeing some of the photographic portraits taken by Bro. E. C. Porter, of 6, The Esplanade, Ealing, W., who has established an Esplanade Portrait Club, which enables him to supply a most admirably finished portrait at an exceedingly low rate. Those we have seen are most beautifully printed, the clear atmosphere of a country suburb being most favourable to photographic printing. Judging, too, from the style in which the portraits we have seen are taken, we should say Bro. Porter is an artist of considerable merit. We have, therefore, all the greater pleasure in recommending his Portrait Club to the support and patronage of our readers.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 26th FEBRUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

MONDAY, 28th FEBRUARY.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1818—Clapham, Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 1st MARCH.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1340—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval
1448—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.30 (Instruction)
348—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd MARCH.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upp. Richmond-rd., S.W
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
428—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chesham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
M.M. 58—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

THURSDAY, 3rd MARCH.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1339—Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7. (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
390—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1613—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1591—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1638—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1700—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Brecknshire
R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R.A. 428—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 4th MARCH.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction.)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)

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1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
243—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
660—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Room, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1645—Prince of Wales, Free masons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
1735—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30

SATURDAY, 5th MARCH.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
143—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
196—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1634—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1213—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP, No. 100.

A MEETING was held at the Assembly Rooms, Great Yarmouth, on Thursday, 17th inst., for the installation of the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master Lord Suffield, and Bro. H. G. Barwell Prov. G. Sec., honoured the Lodge with their presence. There was a full gathering of members and visitors, the latter including Bros. H. Harvey-George 1631, H. W. H. Elwes 1452, T. Beeching 305, G. F. Crane 1631, J. A. Fisk 1681, D. G. Gaul 1801, H. A. Sherville 1500, R. C. Hammant 313, G. B. Micklebargh 266, H. G. Barwell 943, D. W. Bellamy 1631, &c. The presiding W.M., Bro. D. R. Fowler, having duly opened the Lodge in the three degrees, a Board of Past Masters was formed, and the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Etheridge, was installed with the usual ceremonies, Bro. Oswald Diver P.M. carrying out this duty in the most impressive manner. The new W.M. then proceeded to invest his Officers as follow :—Bros. D. R. Fowler I.P.M., Henry Stembridge S.W., W. J. B. Johnson J.W., Rev. James Wickham Chaplain, O. Diver P.M. Treasurer, James Bond P.M. Secretary, Henry Owles S.D., A. D. Bennett J.D., Thomas Tunbridge Organist, C. J. Bullen I.G., James Holt Tyler. Among the other brethren present were also Bros. L. Spence P.M., A. T. Mann, J. E. Teasdel, J. A. Wade, T. Elliot, E. Bostock, J. F. Southey, A. Lark, C. B. Hammond, W. J. Hopkins, T. Southey, R. H. Tunbridge, F. W. Rolfe, J. W. Bennett, A. Mitchell, J. E. Balls, W. Sayer, M. Weston, W. S. Wigg, H. Smith, W. Cattermole, and P.M.'s Bros. E. Howes, Bonfellow, Martins, and Hubbard. The Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren repaired to the Crown and Anchor Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. J. Franklin. The Worshipful Master occupied the chair, supported by the R.W. P.G.M., Lord Suffield, the P.G. Secretary (Bro. Barwell), the Installing Master, the Past Masters, and others. A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent. The musical arrangements, under the direction of the Organist, Bro. T. Tunbridge, were excellent; he was ably assisted by Bros. Rolfe, Green, Elliott, Calver, R. Tunbridge, Harvey-George, and Offord. Bro. Green's song "A Golden Dream" and Bro. Elliot's Violin Solo (selection from Il Travotore), being particularly admired.

Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145.—The first regular meeting of this well-known Lodge was held on the 22nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Dr. Whiteway Wilkinson, C. A. Wood S.W., A. Kerrell J.W., T. Bull P.M. Treas., E. H. Thiellay Sec., J. Reed J.D., G. Banks I.G., J. B. Lambe Steward. Past Masters W. R. Lester, and Bro. Hart, &c. Visitors—J. Faulkener S.W. 1423, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The report of the Committee was read respecting the formation of a Benevolent Fund to be attached to the Lodge. A notice of meeting was given that in future the initiate's fee be £10 10s, and the joining fee £7 7s. A letter of explanation was read from Bro. Leggott P.M., regretting his absence. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at the Moorgate Tavern. Present :—Bros. Sanders W.M., Shipley S.W., Hall J.W., C. G. Sparrow Secretary, J. L. Mather Preceptor, Hepburn S.D., Couchman I.G., and several other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Smith candidate. The W.M. also rehearsed the ceremony of raising, with Bro. Holness candidate. Bro. Simpson, Bedford Lodge 157, was elected a member. Bro. Shipley was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday evening, 18th inst., at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, Bros. Maton W.M., Gunner S.W., Blasby J.W., C. E. Botley S.D., Kent J.D., F. Botley I.G., Gomm P.M., Goss P.M., Metcalfe, Morgan, Thomas 1602, Lucas, Hildersley, &c. Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Lucas candidate. Bro. C. E. Botley delivered the charge of the degree in a very careful manner, and was complimented for the zeal he displays in study of the noble art. Bros. Lucas and Hildersley (Entered Apprentices) answered the usual questions leading to the second degree. Bro. Gunner was elected W.M. for next meeting. Bro. Hildersley was elected a member. Bro. Goss P.M. then rose, and proposed, and Bro. Gomm P.M. seconded, a motion, to the effect that Bro. R. G. Thomas, Organist No. 1602, and a member of our staff, should be elected an honorary member of the Lodge. Bro. Goss was very eulogistic in his remarks. He spoke of the frequent attendance at their Lodge of Bro. W. W. Morgan, of this journal, whose presence was always most welcome; who had taken a great interest in the working of their Lodge, and was also on the look out to promote its well-being; and who had already been elected to honorary membership, as some slight recognition for his services. The Lodge had had the opportunity of receiving another representative of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and what he had done that evening, evidencing as it did the care taken in the selection of the staff of that journal, made the honour of receiving and being received reciprocal. He therefore proposed that Bro. Thomas's name be placed on their roll of honorary members. The motion was carried with acclamation, and Bro. Thomas warmly acknowledged the compliment. Lodge was then closed in due form.

[We cannot but feel gratified at this further proof of the kindly feeling entertained towards this journal by the members of the Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction. We knew well we were always welcome, whenever business allowed of our visiting the Lodge, and we esteem it a very high compliment indeed that Bro. Thomas should have been elected an honorary member. We are satisfied that he regards it in the same light.—ED. F.C.]

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 22nd inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Webb W.M., Cundick S.W., Brasted J.W., J. Lorkin Sec., Wallington I.P.M., Smyth Treas., Marsh I.G.; also Bros. Wardell, Dignam, Edwards, Glass, Floyd, Boyce, Polak, Larter, Christian, Clark, Forss, Dallas, G. Larter, C. Lorkin, G. Weige. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren :—First lecture—Bros. J. Marsh, E. Dignam, Smyth, Clark, Christian, Forss, Cundick. Second lecture—Bros. Edwards, Forss, Brasted, C. Lorkin, Cundick. Third lecture—Bros. Wardell, J. Lorkin, Wallington. Lodge was then closed to the first degree. Bro. Christian was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Bros. Boyce 1679, H. Edwards 1445, J. T. Larter 1524, were elected members. A cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which Bro. Webb had worked the Fifteen Sections; also that honorary membership be conferred on Bro. Cundick S.W. for his assistance. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on 14th inst. at York. Bro. J. T. Seller W.M. occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. C. G. Padel I.P.M., Past Masters T. B. Whytehead, J. S. Cumberland, and G. Balmford; George Simpson S.W., M. Millington J.W., and other Officers and brethren. A ballot was taken for a candidate, after which the W.M. announced that the following week he should go up to London to attend the Benevolent Festival, and he was happy to inform the Lodge that Bro. T. Humphries Assistant Secretary would accompany him as a Steward also. Several matters of business connected with the Lodge were disposed of, and after the close of the Lodge the brethren spent a couple hours in social intercourse. Several subscriptions to the Lodge Stewards' list for the Benevolent Festival were given in.

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ANALYSIS OF THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST, R.M.B.I.

IT is with an unusual degree of pleasure that we enter on our customary task of noting the principal features connected with the Stewards' Returns at the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. It is a matter of course that success should fluctuate as among our three Charities; and Bro. Terry, whose total list in 1880 was a long way inferior to those of the Schools, has inaugurated the new year with a list which exceeds any previously returned on behalf either of his own or the other Institutions by considerably over £200. It will necessarily be understood that our unusual satisfaction is not personal in its character. We are wholly impartial in our support of the Charities, and we endeavour, within the limits of the possible, to advocate their interests at all times without troubling ourselves as to which of them receives the largest, which the smallest, amount of patronage in the course of any year. We can with the utmost impartiality congratulate each of the three Secretaries in turn on his achievements without dreaming of saying aught that might be regarded as a disparagement of his fellow-labourers. The pleasure we derive from so magnificent a result as that of Wednesday, the 23rd ult., is due primarily to the fact that, even at a time when the aspect of things is not of the most hopeful character, the cause of Masonic Charity does something more than hold its own. Another and still more gratifying feature in connection with this particular Festival is to be found in the abnormal strength, numerically speaking, of the Board of Stewards. We are aware this unusual strength is explained by the strong contingent of representatives from West Yorkshire, but even if we were to leave this Province entirely out of the reckoning, we should have an array of close upon 220 Stewards, and a total of contributions little short of £11,000—that is, within a few hundreds of the sum at present required for the annuitants. Nor must we lose sight of the fact that more than one-third of the Metropolitan Lodges were represented, and two-thirds of the Provinces, so that with an area so much wider than is usual, it must be evident the Institution is being more widely supported by the Craft at large. Indeed, this increase in the area of support is, probably, to Bro. Terry himself even more gratifying than the increased aggregate of contributions. We have over and over again pointed out that if every subscribing member of a Lodge gave annually only the modest sum of five shillings to each of our three Institutions, not only would they be capable of effecting a greater amount of good, but there would be little, if any, necessity for strong periodical appeals to the Fraternity. It is the more gratifying, therefore, when we find the number of supporters is so largely in excess of what it has been in past years. To have had close on 400 Stewards must, indeed, be the most satisfactory of the many brilliant circumstances with which the Benevolent Festival of 1881 will always be associated in the mind of its indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Terry.

We pointed out last week that of the 395 brethren who constituted the Board of Stewards, 124 represented the Metropolis, and 271 the Provinces, the West Yorkshire contingent being 176, while the other twenty-eight Provinces that were represented sent up ninety-five. Giving our attention, in the first place, to London, we note that out of its 124 Stewards five were unattached. Of the remainder, 109 acted on behalf of 107 Lodges, Nos. 228 and 1278, each sending up two representatives, nine brethren served on the Board as representatives of eight R.A. Chapters, there being two Stewards in the case of Chapter No. 1589, and that one Rose Croix Chapter—No. 10—sent up a Steward. These 124 brethren among them took up a total of £6408 16s 6d, which gives, as nearly as possible, an average of £52 per Steward, and over £55 per body represented. The highest contribution was returned, as we noted last week, by Bro. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, who acted for the Canonbury Lodge, No. 657, and gave in £315, a total which, it is needless to say, is greatly above the average three-figure contributions, and speaks well both for the energy of Bro. Buss and the liberality of the Lodge. Following him in order is the worthy Secretary of the Benevolent, Bro. James Terry himself, who represented the Sincerity Chapter, No. 174, and handed up a list of £150 1s 6d. Friends in Council, No. 1383, stands third on the Metropolitan roll with £133 7s 0d, its Steward being Bro. J. W. Waldron, the Islington, No. 1471, being close up with £131 6s 6d. Then follow the Yarborough, No. 554, which, by the hands of Bro. John G. Stevens, contributes £126, and the Sincerity Lodge, which, per Bro. Jones, sends £124 3s as the total of its list. Then come some half-dozen Lodges, whose totals vary from each other by only a few shillings. These are the Fitzroy, No. 569, with £117 2s 6d, Bro. J. C. Sanderson, Steward; Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, Bro. John Welford, Steward, with £116 3s 6d; High Cross Lodge, No. 754, Tottenham, Bro. J. Garrod, Steward, with £115 10s, West Smithfield, No. 1622, whose representative, Bro. W. Clauson Thue, handed in a list of exactly the same amount, and Bro. Edgar Bowyer, unattached, £115. The last group of three-figure contributions is made up of Prosperity, No. 65, and the Percy Lodge, No. 198, each of which is entered for £106 1s, Bro. C. E. Ferry being Steward of the former, and Bro. R. Rowell that of the latter. Southwark, No. 879, by the hands of Bro. W. Topp, and Cripplegate, No. 1613, by those of Bro. Bernard Groner, figure for £105 each, the Highgate, No. 1366, giving £104 14s, per Bro. B. Fish, and the Doric, No. 933, Bro. G. Hollington, £100. Thus, there are no less than sixteen lists amounting to £100 and upwards, while of the remaining number St. Thomas's, No. 143, per Bro. J. H. Matthews, is close up with £97 13s, and the Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287, gives £90 4s 6d, per Bro. Samuel Webb; the Pythagorean, No. 79, per Bro. H. Roberts, £85 8s; the Metropolitan, No. 1507, contributes £84 13s, per W. Side; the St. Marylebone, No. 1305, £82 3s, per Bro. C. A. Smith; the Langthorne, No. 1421, per Bro. H. Neville Taylor, £80, and the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, per Bro. T. W. Carmalt Jones, £78 15s. A fair proportion of the others give over £50 a-piece, so that the Metropolis, though its aggregate is inferior to that of the Provinces, is to be warmly congratulated on the largeheartedness with which it has supported Bro. Terry, the Lodges in the Northern districts having been especially successful in the fulness of their lists. Most of the regularly contributing Lodges are represented, Antiquity, No. 2, being the most noteworthy exception, and there are no less than five Lodges of 1879 constitution among them, the total of whose several contributions is in excess of £200. Two out of these five were represented at the Benevolent Festival in 1880, one of them, the Coborn, No. 1804, having taken part at each Festival in that year. A reference to our analytical article on the Festival last year will show that the Metropolis, with about the same

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number of Stewards, sent up over £7200, but we cannot in reason expect that every year will be equally productive, any more than we can expect that the Metropolis will always be ahead of the Provinces or *vice versâ*. A similar reference will show that of the Lodges we have especially mentioned the following extended their support to the Benevolent Institution in 1880, viz., Prosperity, No. 65, which gave £124, Sincerity, No. 174, to the extent of £121 8s, and Sincerity Chapter, to that of £210; the Prince of Wales, No. 259, which appears for £178 5s; the Fitzroy, No. 569, for £131 5s, the Canonbury, for £113 7s; the Friends in Council £187 3s, and the Islington, 1471, for £228 13s 6d. It is evident, therefore, that the claims of the Benevolent on the support of the Craft are highly appreciated by these Lodges, which, however, are very far from overlooking those of its sister Institutions. Indeed, these will be found among the most consistent supporters of all our Charities. This completes all which seems desirable to note in connection with the Lodges of the Metropolis, which, as we have said, were represented to the extent of over one-third of their whole number, while its contributions stand to those of the Provinces in the proportion of about four to five—a most creditable result, considering that the Chair was taken by the Master of so influential a Province as West Yorkshire.

We now turn our attention to the Provinces, of which no less than twenty-nine out of forty-one, or, if we include Beds, the Channel Islands other than Jersey, and the Isle of Man, of the forty-four districts into which the home jurisdiction of our Grand Master is apportioned. The total number of Stewards representing these twenty-nine Provinces was, as we have stated, 271, of which, as far as we have been able to make out, 176 acted on behalf of West Yorkshire, and the remaining ninety-five on behalf of the other Provinces. The total of the lists these brethren sent in was £7,877 18s, or an average of just a fraction over £29 per Steward. The absentee Provinces or Districts were Beds, Cambridgeshire, Cumberland and Westmoreland, Herefordshire, Leicestershire and Rutland, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Northumberland, Notts, S. Wales East, South Wales West, Wilts, Worcestershire, Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man. The last two, as being remote, and as probably having but a slight connection on that account with our central Charities, may be dismissed without comment. Alderney and Guernsey, which together constitute the Channel Islands district, have between them five Lodges, and the Isle of Man has three. We occasionally hear of contributions from the former, and no doubt both dispense their charity locally with an open hand. Taking the others in their alphabetical order, we may remark that Beds, with its five Lodges, and Cambridgeshire, with its four, are again, as we regret to say they have been far too frequently of late, conspicuous by their absence. The former put in an appearance at the Festival of the Girls' School last year, when the representative of one of its Lodges figured for a total of six-and-forty guineas, and we think it would be well worth the while of the other Lodges, as indicating clearly their loyal appreciation of Masonic Charity, if they occasionally followed the good example we have just quoted of the Stuart Lodge, No. 540, of Bedford. As regards Cambridgeshire, it has, it is true, on one or two occasions emerged from the obscurity it seems to prefer, but this would seem to have been due to the efforts of one individual. As a Province, we cannot call to mind any of the last nineteen Festivals at which it has taken any active part in the proceedings. We have more than once drawn attention to this carelessness, as well as to its readiness to accept the benefits of our Institutions, in respect of its own protegés, and we have on one solitary occasion seen the name of its chief, the Earl of Hardwicke, as taking part at some festive gathering, namely, at the famous banquet in October last, when ex-Lord Mayor Truscott G.J.W. entertained His Royal Highness the Grand Master at the Mansion House. This is the one solitary occasion on which we have seen his name associated with anything Masonic. Perhaps his Deputy, Bro. John Deighton, being so thorough a Mason, might exert himself to remedy this state of indifference. The absence of Cumberland and Westmoreland (19 Lodges) is justly excusable. It sent over £375 to the Girls' School, and £63 to the Boys' School in 1880, and it was represented at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution in 1879, as well as on several previous occasions within the period over which our analyses have usually been spread. Herefordshire, with four Lodges, has not, to the best of our recollection, furnished a representative at any Festival since that of the Girls' School in 1878, and we must travel back a further period of two years in order to note another appearance on the Subscription List. It has now in the person of Sir J. R. Bailey, Bart., M.P., a new Prov. G. Master, who will doubtless arouse a greater amount of activity than could have been looked for under the gentle rule of his amiable but aged predecessor. Leicester and Rutland, 10 Lodges, to go no further back than the last two years, has been represented at the following Festivals, namely, that of the Benevolent 1879 by two Stewards with a total of £125 14s; at the Boys' Festival in the same year by Bro. G. Toller, whose list amounted to £42. In 1880, it helped the Girls' School to the extent of 73 10s, and the Boys' with £194 5s. These several contributions amount together to over £435, which is creditable to so small a Province, to say nothing of its services during the four preceding years. Lincolnshire, with its 20 Lodges, have a somewhat similar record, but with twice the number of Lodges, its contributions in the same two years are about one-half of the Leicester total. It has on other occasions exhibited its powers, and we think it might now bestir itself into emulating the most conspicuous of its past achievements. Norfolk (16 Lodges), ever since Lord Suffield's appointment to the Prov. G. Mastership, has shown that its old zeal on behalf of our Charitable Institutions is as sound and as busy as ever. At the Benevolent Festival of 1879 its contributions amounted to £306 12s. At the Boys' Festival the same year it sent up £25 4s. Last year it contributed to "Our Girls" £108 2s, and £207 13s to "Our Boys." These figures give a total for the two years of £647 11s, while, when its chief presided at the Girls' Festival in 1877, it supported him to the extent of £210, and the year following, when the Duke of Connaught presided at the Boys' Anniversary, it helped to swell the general aggregate by raising the sum of £289 6s. This gives us a total of over £1136 subscribed since Lord Suffield was installed as G. Master of the Province. Northumberland, with 20 Lodges, is another absentee, whose occasional absence may be explained by the largeness of its occasional support. Thus, at the Boys' Festival last July its total amounted to the very handsome sum of £638 17s, and in 1877, at the Festival of the same Institution, it sent up £304 15s. Nottinghamshire (12 Lodges), though unrepresented on this occasion, is by no means a frequent absentee. In 1880 it gave the Girls' £178 10s. It sent up a Steward to the Benevolent and the Girls' the year preceding, but the amounts he handed in are not stated. It assisted the Benevolent in 1878, and in 1877 both Schools. The Eastern and Western Divisions of South Wales, the former with fifteen Lodges, and the latter with nine, are not included in the contributing Provinces. At Bro. Binckes's Festival last July they both of them gave substantial help, South Wales East being entered for £126 5s, and South Wales West for £300. The former figures for £100 at the Girls' Anniversary, and the latter at that of the Benevolent for a small amount, apparently the personal contribution of its respected D.P.G.M., Lord Kensington, M.P. In 1879 the Eastern Division figures for a subscription of £105 to the Girls' School, and the Western for £225 to the Benevolent. At the Boys' Festival in 1878, the former gave £84, and at that of the same School the year previous it is down for £132 15s, while the latter gave £168. Wilts (10 Lodges) last year supported the Institution for Girls to the extent of £128 2s, its representative being none other than Lord Methuen P.G. Master; nor was the Benevolent entirely overlooked, though the one list which did duty for the Province was a small one. Still better did this Province do for the Benevolent in 1879, when its total was £237 10s. In 1878 the same Institution received £164 11s, and the Girls' School £267 5s, while in the year previous it gave its attention to all three Institutions, the Benevolent receiving £273 1s, Lord Methuen being on this occasion also its representative—the Girls' School £122 14s, and the Boys' School £142 16s. The remaining absentee is Worcestershire, with eleven Lodges; but under the presidency of Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., P.G. Master, it has been doing yeoman service. It was represented at the Boys' and Girls' Festivals last year, being entered, in the case of the latter, for £364 7s, but what it raised for the former does not appear to have been stated. To the Wood Green Institution in 1879 it gave £580 13s, to that at Battersea Rise £141 15s, and to the Benevolent £42. This admirable display must no doubt be in great part explained by the greater energy which has been exhibited in

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the Province since its present chief acceded to office in 1878.

Having thus cleared the way by explaining, as far as such explanation is possible or probable, the reasons which appear to us to justify or otherwise the non-representation at this Festival of the Provinces we have enumerated above, let us devote some space to those who helped Bro. Terry to achieve the grand result of last Wednesday week. First in order is Berks and Bucks, whose part on these occasions is always satisfactorily played. It has eighteen Lodges on its roll, the one half of which are in Berks and the other half in Bucks. Six Stewards, five of whom represented as many Berks Lodges, together raised £207 19s 6d, of which £37 18s 6d was the amount of the Bucks Steward's list. We would suggest to our brethren in the latter county that it would look far better if its Lodges exhibited a somewhat greater degree of activity in their support of our Institutions. Last year at the Benevolent it sent up the same number of representatives, their total, with one—a Bucks—list not accounted for, being £215 3s 6d. On this occasion there were four Berks and two Bucks Stewards. At the Girls' Festival there were seven Stewards, all of whom acted on behalf of Berks Lodges, the sum of their lists being £506 14s. At the Boys' School there were four Stewards, who raised together £105 18s, but it did not appear to what Lodges these Stewards were attached. However, we have said enough to show the force of our remark that a little more activity on the part of Bucks would seem to be desirable, if only in order to establish between it and its neighbour something like a fair equilibrium. The Province of Bristol, with its eight Lodges, gives by its general representative the sum of £54 2s. Last year its contribution to the Girls' School was £216 6s. It contributed on a small scale to the Benevolent and the Girls' in 1879. In 1878 the Benevolent and Our Boys received at its hands a fair share of attention, the former to the extent of £134 15s, and the latter to that of £81 18s; while in 1877, with the Earl of Limerick P.G.M. as its representative, it contributed £161 8s to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This is a highly praiseworthy exhibition of zeal for our Institutions. Cheshire, with its thirty-seven Lodges, may always be reckoned upon for its share of support, though it has a local Institution of its own which is in a most flourishing condition. This time, with one Steward for the whole Province, and three brethren acting apparently on their own account, its total is £243 12s, of which £201 12s, is entered for the Province. Last July it sent up to the Boys' School eleven Stewards, whose aggregate was £313 12s 6d. In April 1880, by the hands of five Stewards, it contributed £151 4s to the Girls' School, and it figures at the Benevolent Festival in the previous February for £69. At the Girls' Festival 1879 it sent up £356 4s. This bears out what we have said—that Cheshire must be reckoned upon to a fair extent, and to one which, under the special circumstance we have alluded to, is worthy of its strength and reputation. Cornwall, with twenty-eight Lodges, gives £10 1s. It was unrepresented last year, but in 1879, when Bro. Hughan and another acted as Stewards, the former being the representative of the Province, it gave £378. In 1878 it bestowed its attentions on the Benevolent, the Earl of Mount Edgecumbe and Bro. Hughan being its Stewards, and the amount of its contributions £570. In 1876 the Boys' School was favoured, Bro. Hughan being the sole representative of the Province, and the total of his list £432 12s. Derbyshire (nineteen Lodges) has sent two Stewards, whose lists amount together to £110 16s. At the Boys' Festival of July last it sent £47 6s 6d, and at the Benevolent £132 3s. In 1879 it helped the Boys' to the extent of £277 2s, and is also to be credited with a contribution to the R.M.B.I. the same year. Devonshire has a roll of exactly fifty Lodges, and figures for £63. Last year it gave this Institution £191 13s, and the Girls' School £141 10s. In 1879 it gave £241 1s to Our Girls, and £68 5s to Our Boys. In 1878 all three of our Charities received support from it, the Benevolent to the extent of £110, the Girls' £29 10s 6d, and the Boys' £220; and the same remark applies to the year preceding, when the Benevolent had subscriptions amounting to £596, the Girls' £52 10s, and the Boys' £63. A reference to the lists will show that the two brethren who take the leading part on these occasions are Bros. Godtschalk and Curteis.

Dorsetshire, thirteen Lodges, is another of our Provinces, whose absence from these celebrations is of rare occurrence. Its contribution this time is only a modest £45 4s by the hands of Bro. R. N. Howard of the Portland Lodge, No. 1037. Last year, however, it showed itself worthy of its reputation. At the corresponding Festival in February 1880, it contributed £230 16s—the Province being represented by Bro. H. C. Burt to the extent of £180 10s, and Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, acting for the St. Mary's Lodge, No. 707, furnishing the difference. At the Girls' Festival Bros. Montagu and Howard between them handed in £95, while the list at the Boys' Anniversary was £161 1s. In 1879 it gave to the Benevolent per Bro. Grundy £101 1s, and to the Boys' School per Bro. Howard £295 2s. In 1878 it figures for £150 to the Benevolent, £116 11s to the Girls', and £401 12s to the Boys', Bro. J. M. P. Montagu being the Steward in each case. In 1877 its present Prov. G. Master Bro. Montague Guest, M.P., acted as representative, and his list amounted to £305. Bro. Montagu acted in a like capacity at the Girls' Festival and sent up £180 12s, while the contribution to the Boys' Festival per Bro. Benet Stanford Vere Fane was £80 17s. We need not go further back in order to prove that Dorset has a reputation in these matters and loyally sustains it whenever it has a chance. Durham, twenty-six Lodges, has turned its first Festival, since the Marquess of Londonderry became its Grand Master, to good account by contributing £174 0s 6d, of which the sum of £158 5s 6d found its way into the coffers of the Benevolent through the intermediary of Brother Babington Boulton acting for the Province. At the Boys' Festival in 1880, it contributed £136 10s, and to the Girls' it gave £108 10s. In 1879 the Schools were the recipients of its patronage, the lassies having the lion's share £227 17s, and the laddies £130 4s. In 1878 the latter had it to themselves, Bro. W. H. Crooke's Stewardship yielding £155 8s. In 1877 they were again helped through the medium of the same worthy brother with £158 11s, but the Girls' fared better still and received per Bro. Babington Boulton, acting for the Province, £286 2s 6d. The year before it gave Our Boys' £275 2s, Bro. Candlish, of the Fawcett Lodge, being its representative. The bare statement we have drawn out will speak far more eloquently than we could hope to do in showing that Durham, under its present chief, has fully resolved to maintain its character as a liberal and fairly impartial supporter of all three Institutions. When the time comes round for its P.G.M to occupy the chair at one of these Festivals, it will doubtless bestir itself into even more than its wonted activity. The black diamonds for which it is famous are likely to be of service in more ways than one when that event takes place.

One of the Home Counties—Essex—stands next in order, three out of its nineteen Lodges being represented, the sum of whose contributions is £57 19s. In July last, with four Stewards, it contributed £89 5s to the Boys'; the Girls', in the April preceding, being still more fortunate, there being six Stewards acting on behalf of as many Lodges, their joint lists representing a total of £237 8s, while £89 13s 6d, with a list still to be accounted for, went to the Benevolent. In 1879 there were again two Lodges doing duty for the Province at the Boys' Festival, and they between them found £103 7s 6d, while a Chapter gave a small contribution to the Benevolent. In 1878, the R.M.B.I. received £88 16s, the Girls' £40 13s 9d, and the Boys' £233 5s 7d, while the year before it assisted all three, the Benevolent with £113 13s, the Girls' with £37 9s, and the Boys' with £76 16s.

The transition from the country of the East Saxons to Gloucestershire is in one sense perhaps abrupt, yet it is made on this occasion with so much the greater pleasure because in making it we pass from the contemplation of a sum which is modest in amount to one of considerable proportions. Gloucester has fourteen Lodges, and under the auspices of Lord Sherborne has figured at our Festivals with much credit. It has now a new head in the person of Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., and it may be that our brethren of this western Province were determined that, as they distinguished themselves at the last Festival which occurred during Lord Sherborne's Mastership, so would they show respect to his successor, the aforesaid Sir M. Hicks-Beach. At all events, four of its Lodges, and the Chapter attached to one of them sent up six Stewards, and their lists amounted, all told, to £263 11s, as against £234 5s, taken up by five Stewards at the last Boys' Festival. At the Girls' Festival last April there were six Stewards, whose contributions amounted to £358 1s. At the Benevolent, two months earlier in the year, four Stewards took up

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£88 8s. The year 1879—and we need not be at the pains of going further back for the purpose of demonstrating a proposition which is self-evident—it gave the Benevolent, through the medium of three Stewards, £148 12s; the Girls' School, per five Stewards, £312 19; and the Boys' School, per four Stewards, £378 10s. Thus, at the seven Festivals to which we have referred, its contributions amount to over £1784, which represents an average of as nearly as possible £255 per Festival.

Hants and the Isle of Wight, with its 35 Lodges, and its zealous and popular chief, Bro. Beach, falls but little short of £300, its six Stewards sending in amongst them £297 13s. At the Boys' Festival in July last it figured for £2 2 3s, with five representatives. At that of the Girls' it contributed £162 15s, there being still a list to account for, and at the Benevolent it gave £100 12s. In 1879 it supported the Benevolent to the extent of £187 8s 6d, for the Girls' School it raised £99 15s 6d (one list unaccounted at the time), and for the Boys' £173 2s. Each Institution was assisted both in 1877 and 1878, but when Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., presided at the Boys' Festival in the former year, the eleven Stewards among them sent up £624 1s. Bro. Beach and the brethren in this district are to be congratulated on so rich a display of liberality, but what shall be said of Herts, with its modest list of eleven Lodges, and its splendid total of £456? Six or the larger half of the Lodges sent up representatives, the Watford, No. 404, being first with £212 11s 6d; the Gladsmuir, of Barnet, No. 1385, being second with £105, the result of worthy Bro. J. G. Yolland's labour. Bro. T. S. Coates, as representing the Hertford, No. 443, taking third place with £71 15s. The Gresham, No. 869, per Bro. Copestick, sent £52 10s. In July last this Province sent up to the Boys' Festival two Stewards, who together gave in £290. The Girls' received £78 15s, and the Benevolent £218 8s 6d, with one list outstanding. In 1879 its contributions at the several Festivals in the order of their occurrence were—Benevolent, £144 10s; Girls', £144 2s; Boys', £25. In 1878 they were, in the same order—Benevolent, £645 11s 6d; Girls', £68 5s; and Boys', £26 5s. This is, indeed, a gratifying record of contributions, of which even a far larger Province would have good reason to be proud.

Kent, as our readers are aware, has a well-organised system, and under such circumstances it would, indeed, be surprising if its contributions were not regular and liberal. Of its forty-and-five Lodges, seven sent representatives, and the six lists returned make up £358 14s 6d. At the Boys' Festival, the eleven Stewards took up £563. At the Girls' it gave, per nine Stewards, with one list still to come, £571 10s 6d, while the Benevolent received by the hands of eight Stewards £236 9s. In 1879, it contributed to the R.M.B.I. £132 4s, to the Girls' £408 3s 6d, and to the Boys' £485 6s 6d. The total of its contributions at these seven Festivals is £3055 2s, giving an average of over £436 per Festival. To offer praise in the face of such loyal fulfilment of our most important duty, would be superfluous. If we could follow Kent back to the year 1875, from which our analyses are usually reckoned, we should find the same brilliant display with the same regularity of representation.

Owing to the great length of our remarks on this Festival, we find ourselves under the necessity of holding over the remaining portion till next week.

Bro. A. W. Woodliffe, who acted as Steward for the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, at the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, has written and requested us to correct a clerical error, which, though no fault of ours, occurred in the list of subscriptions he handed in. The amount standing against his name should have been not £45 17s 6d, but £55 17s 6d. It affords us great pleasure to make the correction.

A new Lodge, to be named "The Chine Lodge," is to be opened at Shanklin on Monday next. The foundation stone of the New Masonic Hall at Shanklin is to be laid the same day.

ROYAL POLYTECHNIC.—The Photophone, explained and illustrated by experiments. The Great Lightning Inductorium; an Astronomical Lecture, illustrated by Dissolving views and Effects, &c., by Mr. J. L. King. Violent Storm, by Mr Eric Lewis. Magical Art, by Prof. R. Hellis. Musical Recitals, by Madame Katherine Hickson. Electric Railway. Leotard in training, the Wonderful Automata. Diving Bell, &c. Admission to the Institution. Open from 12 till 5, and from 7 till 10.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 22.

THE first meeting of this Lodge since the election of Bro. George Britton as W. Master was held on Thursday, 24th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Ashwell I.P.M., James Harper, Ph. D., S.W., John James Slater J.W., Isaac Wilcox P.M. Treasurer, T. R. Eames P.M. Hon. Sec., Henry Povey S.D., Robert W. Coulcher J.D., William Cook I.G., E. F. Storr P.M. D.C., James Norman P.M., C. H. Harcourt P.M., J. Parkinson Tyler. Visitors—Bros. W. J. Iliffe 78, Alfred Godfrey 192. Lodge was opened shortly before four o'clock with the customary observances, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced, and Bros. W. J. E. Crane, H. F. Griffin and McGregor having replied satisfactorily to the usual interrogations, were entrusted, and on their return to the Lodge were raised to the sublime degree by the W. Master who, taking into account this was his experimental office in the chair, acquitted himself in a manner which afforded not only satisfaction and edification to those present, but foreshadowed a result which might have scarcely been expected after recent experiences from "the Little Britton." To speak candidly, the ceremony partook of an intellectual and sagacious turn which one has really little ground to expect from so young a Master, and it gave promise of a substantial upholding which the old Neptune has gained for perfection of working. Then the Lodge was lowered, and Bros. G. M. Vane and E. S. Hopper were passed, the same adherence to the ritual, and confidence of working being manifested by the W.M., showing how thoroughly he enters into the exercise of his onerous duties. To vary the proceedings, Lodge was again lowered, and the ballot was prepared for Mr. Leon Victor Walker, on the nomination of Bro. H. Povey, seconded by the W. Master. The voting was unanimous, and Mr. Walker was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order by the W. Master, ably supported by his Officers. The working was described by distinguished Visitors as excellent, and a pattern to any Lodge in or out of the metropolis; and it is hardly necessary to say it afforded unbounded satisfaction to all present, and redounded the utmost credit upon the new Master. After the transaction of the usual business the brethren adjourned to the banquetting-room, where a *récherché* repast was spread by Messrs. Ritter and Clifford. The prefatory toasts being disposed of, the I.P.M. gave the health of the W.M., alluding, in felicitous terms, to the manner in which Bro. Britton had acquitted himself on the first occasion of his experience in his new office, and congratulated him on his successful *debut*. The Worshipful Master, in acknowledging the compliment paid him, alluded to the difficulty he had experienced in changing from one degree to another in order to cope with the mass of work brought before him on the first occasion of his having to discharge the onerous duties of the chair; but he had endeavoured to give satisfaction to the Lodge. In turn he gave the health of the Initiate, whom he was pleased to welcome to their assemblies. It was always a source of satisfaction to admit amongst their numbers gentlemen in whom they had confidence, and who they knew would help them to maintain the *prestige* of the good old Neptune Lodge. He felt convinced that the Neptune was gaining ground in the estimation of the outside world, and this was sufficiently evidenced by the number of gentlemen who were anxious to enter within its pale. He had known Bro. Walker for a considerable time, and was pleased to have the opportunity of seconding Bro. Povey's nomination. From his acquaintance with Bro. Walker he was satisfied he would become a useful member, and an ornament to the Craft. Bro. Walker thanked the brethren heartily for the cordiality with which they had received the mention of his name, and desired to express his gratitude, especially to his friend Bro. Henry Povey and the Worshipful Master, for having afforded him the opportunity of enrolling his name under the banner of this old and reputed Lodge. He could only say it would be his endeavour to become an apt student of the art, and he trusted no member of the Neptune Lodge would ever have cause to regret having admitted him as a member of its honourable association, but that he might in time become a true and upright man and Mason. The Worshipful Master then, in eulogistic terms, proposed the Past Masters, in doing which he expressed his heartfelt gratitude to those veterans who had lent him such valuable aid. If the Lodge was celebrated for its excellence and renown, it was to the Past Masters that the credit was due, and whose excellent example he was most anxious to emulate. He could have wished that more of the older members of the Lodge were present; still he was happy to see half-a-dozen Past Masters amongst them that evening, testifying their continued interest in the Lodge. Bro. Harcourt P.M., in responding, alluded to his connection with the Lodge for more than a quarter of a century, and said he recollected the time when fourteen or sixteen Past Masters put in an appearance at their gatherings. But circumstances interfered, and he regretted that physical affliction had kept him away for more than two years. This was a source of regret to him, as he hoped it was to the Lodge; still he had the interests of the Lodge at heart, and should do all he could to promote its welfare. The toast of the Visitors was acknowledged by Bro. Iliffe, who congratulated the Worshipful Master and his Officers upon the excellence of their work, and their munificent hospitality. Bro. Godfrey also responded, and said it gave him great pleasure to witness the manner in which the ritual of the Order had been expounded by their Worshipful Master. No doubt Bro. Britton had great difficulty in changing the different degrees, which must have been a tax upon the memory, but he (Bro. Godfrey) was certain that the disquisition he had given must have afforded the utmost satisfaction to all assembled. He thanked them heartily for the reception which had been accorded to the visitors, and which was but proverbial of the Neptune Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, in responding to which, Bro. Isaac Wilcox P.M. said

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it had been a source of pleasure to him to see the progress the Neptune Lodge had made. He hoped it would continue in the same state of prosperity, though he thought the time approached when he should relinquish the office he had held in it for so many years. He began to think the time had come when he should resign his duties into younger hands, for however well one might discharge a duty, one might hold office too long. He had thought it over seriously, and merely threw it out as a hint that he had occupied the position long enough. As soon as he could see a brother who would undertake the duty, and would be as constant in his attendance as he had been during the many years he had occupied that position, he should ask the brethren to release him from the post; and he was sure they would accept his nomination, because he would not recommend any one as Treasurer who was not a constant attendant at Lodge. He had been connected with the old Neptune for thirty years, and had only missed four of its meetings during the whole of that period. He told them this in order that they might not be surprised if he stated the time had come when a younger man should be elected to the office he now filled. Bro. Eames also briefly responded, and said the work, though onerous, was work that he liked, and the satisfaction of the brethren was his best reward. The W.M. then gave the Officers of the Lodge, which toast was received with the utmost enthusiasm. Bro. J. Harper, in responding, expressed the belief that all the Officers were anxious to maintain the prestige of the Lodge, and to work up gradually to the proud position which the then Wor. Master filled so well. He was satisfied the Officers would support the Wor. Master in the honourable position he held, and only hoped when he passed up to the chair he should be able to do as Bro. Britton had done; he did not wish to do better. The Officers would support him loyally, from beginning to end of his term of office. Bro. J. J. Slater, in returning thanks, also spoke of the excellent working of the Wor. Master, and endorsed the remarks of the last speaker as to the support that would be accorded to him by his Officers. For his own part, he should endeavour to do all he could for the interest of the Lodge, and to maintain for it that *prestige* it had so long enjoyed. It was a source of satisfaction to him, as it must be to every member, to witness the continued progress and prosperity of the Neptune Lodge; he felt satisfied all the Officers would support the Worshipful Master in his efforts to sustain the dignity and the onerous conditions of his office. Several complimentary toasts were honoured, amongst which thanks were accorded to Bro. Hopper for his valuable assistance at the pianoforte. The Wor. Master took occasion to mention the Masonic Charities, and in the course of an able speech mentioned the splendid result of the Benevolent Festival on the previous night, at which a sum of £14,250 had been subscribed. He (the speaker) had the honour of representing the Girls' School, and Bro. Storr the Boys', at their next Festivals. He was confident the brethren of his Lodge would rally round them and enable them, as heretofore, to take up respectable lists, and thus maintain the name of the Neptune Lodge for its munificence in all essential matters of Charity. Several other toasts were honoured, and the proceedings were enlivened by some excellent songs, Bro. Hopper rendering valuable aid as accompanyist on the pianoforte. Bro. Harper sang, in excellent voice, "Over the garden wall," the "Sapper brigade," and the "Old Rhine wine." Bro. Henry Povey "Complaints," the "Lord Mayor's Coachman," and "Quips the Quaker," all in irresistible style; Bro. Vane sang "Drink, puppy, drink," and "Jack's yarn;" Mr. Mark Hubbard sang "Down amongst the dead men" and "A fresh evening breeze," while several other singers combined to make up a most pleasant and harmonious evening.

LODGE OF PROSPERITY, No 65.

THE meeting of the members of this excellent Lodge for the election of Worshipful Master, Treasurer and Tyler, and for the transaction of other business, was held on Thursday evening, 24th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, when there was a very large attendance, under the presidency of Bro. C. E. Ferry W.M. Amongst those also present were Bros. W. Chicken S.W., J. Roberts J.W., G. T. Brown P.M. Hon. Sec., J. Sheidler S.D., C. J. Rich J.D., Louis A. Leins P.M. D.C., C. S. Peirce Steward, Chas. Daniel P.M., H. J. Goodall P.M., T. Mullett P.M., &c. Visitors—Bros. Edwd. P. Barlow P.M. 15, Jas. Crow 334, R. Ricking 1227, W. Twyman 184, Thomas G. Davey 1471, W. A. Simmons 1559. Lodge was opened at five o'clock, in accordance with ancient formalities, when the ballot was opened for Bro. C. Ansell, merchant, of 32 Colveston-crescent, Ridley-road (of the Rising Star Lodge, Bloemfontein, O.F.S., No. 1022), proposed by Bro. Goodall, seconded by the W.M., as a joining member. The voting was unanimously in his favour. Lodge was then advanced, and Bros. W. Fencott, H. A. Patience, W. Mattin and R. G. Pocock were duly raised to the sublime degree by the Wor. Master, who performed the ceremony in a most perfect and impressive manner. Bro. W. Chicken was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, amidst the acclamations of the brethren, and it was resolved to present a P.M.'s jewel to the retiring Master in token of esteem, and in appreciation of the admirable way in which he had discharged the duties of his office. Bro. J. H. Goodwin P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. C. T. Speight Tyler. Some other business having been transacted, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, provided in Messrs. Ritter and Clifford's best style, and personally superintended by Mr. D. Sherwill. At the conclusion of the repast, the customary loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured, and a most agreeable and harmonious evening was enlivened by some excellent vocal and instrumental music. The installation of Bro. Chicken will take place on the last Thursday in March.

Bro. A. Ginger I.P.M. 901, will rehearse the ceremony of installation at the La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538, at the Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., on Wednesday next, 9th instant.

GOOCH LODGE, No. 1238.

THE ANNUAL meeting of this Lodge for the installation of the W.M. elect, and the appointment and investiture of his Officers, was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on Monday, 21st ult. Bro. Mesrouze W.M. presided and was very cordially, as well as numerously, supported by the Officers, there being likewise the following strong contingent of visitors, namely:—Bros. W. Whitmarsh 145, H. Foskett 1642, J. S. Adkins W.M. 990, C. A. Walter S.W. 865, Fred. Dunn P.M. 72, W. J. Murlis P.M. 1642, E. M. Lander I.P.M. 1642, J. Bartle J.D. 1642, S. H. Parkhouse P.M. 1642, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, A. Kent 211, M. Hawkins 1257, J. Fisher 733, and H. T. Smith 1257. After the customary formalities and the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Powell having been interrogated to the satisfaction of the brethren and entrusted, withdrew while the Lodge was raised to the third. On his re-admission in due course, the sublime degree of M.M. was conferred upon him, the ceremony being most impressively rendered by Bro. Mesrouze. After the necessary arrangements had been completed, Bros. Cooper and Stephenson were passed to the second degree, both ceremonies being worked by Bro. Mesrouze. A ballot was then taken for Messrs. Robert Coomber, and Frederick W. Jackson, which proved satisfactory in both cases. Bro. Mesrouze having vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Lonsdale P.G.Std. Middlesex, who had kindly taken upon himself the duties of Installing Master, Bro. George Capper Harding W.M. elect was presented for the purpose of receiving the benefits of installation. After Brother Harding had signified in the usual manner his adhesion to both the letter and the spirit of the ancient charges, and all those brethren below the rank of I.M. had withdrawn, a board of Installed Masters was formed, the Wardens' chairs being occupied by Bros. E. C. Woodward and Freeman respectively, the office of D. of C. being undertaken by Bro. Murlis. The ceremony of installation over, and the new W.M. having been saluted in the several degrees, Bro. Harding proceeded with the appointment and investiture of his Officers for the year. These were as follow:—Bros. Varley S.W.—in the temporary absence of Bro. Varley, Bro. Coombes was invested with the collar and jewel of the office—Leith J.W., Baber P.M. Treas., Laxton P.M. Secretary, Gillingham S.D., Mayne J.D., Powell I.G., Linsdell Std., and Bowler Tyler. After the usual addresses and congratulations to Bro. Harding, the Report of the Audit Committee, which was in every respect satisfactory, was submitted and adopted. On the motion of Bro. Lonsdale, seconded by Bro. Mesrouze, Bro. H. C. Levander, Prov. G. Secretary Middlesex, was unanimously, and amid general acclamation elected an honorary member of the Lodge. A proposition for the election of a candidate for the rights and privileges of Freemasonry having been handed in, and the resignation of two members having been accepted, with regret, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent dinner under the presidency of their newly-installed chief. On the removal of the cloth, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. To Bro. Mesrouze I.P.M., as of course, was entrusted the duty of proposing the health of the W.M., and this he did in well-chosen terms that were justly complimentary. Bro. Harding, in response, expressed his sense of gratitude, both for the manner in which his predecessor had proposed his health, and for the reception it had experienced from all present. He should use his best efforts to perform the duties of his high office to the entire satisfaction of the Lodge, and he trusted that when his occupancy of the chair came to an end, it would be found that in those efforts he had been successful. In conclusion, he proposed the health of the P.M.'s, and in associating with it the name of Bro. Mesrouze, he not only paid a compliment to the undoubted abilities which that estimable brother had shown in the office of W.M., but he likewise expressed the pleasure which he personally experienced that the first important duty it had fallen to his lot to discharge was that of presenting to Bro. Mesrouze the handsome P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the Lodge as some slight token of the respect in which he was held, and as a recognition of the able services it had been his fortune to render as Master. When the applause with which Bro. Harding's remarks were received had subsided, Bro. Mesrouze, who was much overcome, and had some difficulty in finding words to express his feelings, returned thanks for his brother P.M.'s, as well as for himself. As to the testimonial he had just received, he should ever regard it with pride and pleasure. It reminded him, he said, of the decoration of the Legion of Honour, which, as they all knew, was one that every Frenchman, who was held worthy of having it bestowed upon him, appreciated most highly. The other toasts having been given, the brethren rose and separated, after having spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 24th Feb., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. Bros. J. E. Shand W.M., J. Hutchinson S.W., J. Waugh J.W., B. H. Swallow P.M. P.G.S.D. Midd. Treas., E. J. Scott P.M. Sec., Day S.D., J. Hammond W.M. 1765 J.D., T. Eastgate I.G., Potter P.M. Tyler; Bros. Edell, Stevens, Bonham, Smith, Taylor, Arnold, Hill, and others. Visitors—Bros. G. W. Reed P.M. 13, J. Charles P.M. 19, H. T. Reed P.M. 193 and 1287, J. L. Moore P.M. 169, E. H. Hoare S.D. 1765, J. Mills 1765, and B. Cohen 188. Mr. W. G. Higgins was duly balloted for and initiated. Bros. Davies, Quested, and Morton were duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Propositions were given for next meeting. Bro. Scott (Sec.) expressed a wish to serve as Steward for the Girls'; and the sum of twenty guineas was voted to his list from the funds. The brethren, thirty-five in number, afterwards dined at the Cafe Royal. After an excellent dinner the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., Bro. Shand. The Initiate responded in well-chosen words. The Visitors expressed themselves pleased with the work of the Lodge room, and eloquently as to the hospitality proffered them. The contribution of songs and music made the evening very enjoyable. The brethren separated after the Tyler' toast, about eleven o'clock, until April.

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A YOUTHFUL, BUT AMBITIOUS AUTHORITY ON THE CONDUCT OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am very glad "A VETERAN M.M." has drawn attention to a practice which is far too common on the part of young brethren, especially if they have been appointed to high office without possessing the requisite qualification, of setting themselves up as authoritative expositors of Masonic law and propriety. It must have highly amused your correspondent to hear a representative of this class of brother announcing his intention of acquiring forthwith certain knowledge he ought to have possessed, and then almost in one and the same breath condemning the conduct of a case, as to the merits of which, I should say, he had only received *ex parte* information, and the action of your journal in reference thereto. Still more amusing must it have been to hear this "half-fledged brother" say that owing to this case and your action, he and another Mason had for a brief time "seriously intended throwing up Freemasonry altogether." A grave and reverend seignior of the Craft would have been justified in offering an opinion on the policy pursued or advocated in certain circumstances, and had such a one thought fit to do so, he would doubtless have expressed himself in grave and dignified terms, so as to offend none who might chance to differ with him.

I cannot say the conduct noted by your correspondent surprises me greatly. Human nature is much the same within, as, without the pale of Masonry, and I have, again and again, remarked how common a practice it is with the young men of this generation to set themselves up as authorities on even the most difficult questions, and that, too, in the presence of their seniors who are old enough and sensible enough not to arrogate to themselves a knowledge they cannot possibly possess. When I was a young man—which, I am sorry to say, was a good many years since—it was the elders who laid down the law, and the young who accepted the exposition; but now this order of things is reversed. I would suggest to these precocious youths that it would be well if they took a leaf out of the book of North American Indians, at all events as they have been described by Fennimore Cooper in the *Last of the Mohicans* and his other novels. Among them the Chiefs spoke, and their juniors listened in respectful silence; nor did the latter venture on offering an opinion until they were invited to do so.

I remain, fraternally yours,

OLD SCHOOL.

ENGLISH AND FOREIGN IDEAS ABOUT FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was unable, through other engagements, to attend the Communication of Grand Lodge yesterday evening, but from the accounts I have read in this morning's papers of its proceedings, I gather that the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands some time since addressed a letter to our Grand Lodge for the purpose of enlisting its good offices on behalf of the Boers of the Transvaal in their struggle for independence of the British Crown. The Earl of Lathom D.G.M. occupied the throne, and he announced that Grand Master the Prince of Wales, in reply, had stated that such a course would be out of the question, seeing that any attempt at interference with questions of a religious and political character would be most unconstitutional. This reminds me of a statement made by Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, in his address at the installation of the Prince of Wales, when his lordship remarked that he feared that in some foreign countries politics and Freemasonry were occasionally mixed up together, and that Masons' Lodges were often turned to account for the dissemination of political views. There were those who seemed inclined to question the accuracy of the Pro Grand Master's statement, but this action of the Netherlands Grand Lodge in soliciting the interference of ours in a question which is essentially political, should, I think, set those doubts at rest once and for all.

Yours fraternally,

London, 3rd March 1881. H. K. B.

Wallington Lodge, No. 1892.—The consecration of this Lodge will take place at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, 17th instant, at the Public Hall, Carshalton, Surrey. The founders of this new Lodge are Bros. Chas. Sawyer P.M. 1619 W.M. designate, John G. Horsey 186 and P.M. 1619 S.W. designate, Wm. Pile 1619 J.W. designate, W. R. Crowe P.M. 190 Treasurer, E. Dickman 1619 S.D. designate, J. W. Baldwin 1692 J.D. designate, Thomas Carder 1619 I.G., and W. Harwood 1619 W.S. After the ceremony of consecration a banquet will be held at the King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton, for which, on account of limited accommodation, only a few tickets are for disposal. These may be obtained on or before the 12th instant (provided the numbers are not filled up), by forwarding P.O.O. to W. Pile, Stationer, Wallington, Surrey, price 15s each.

GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of English Freemasons was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master presided. Lord Tenterden Prov. Grand Master for Essex, Sir F. Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex, Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master for Hants and the Isle of Wight, Montague Guest, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Dorset, and numerous distinguished brethren, besides about 500 other Masons were present. Grand Secretary (Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke) announced that the resolution of last Grand Lodge, congratulating Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales on attaining her 36th birthday, had been engrossed, framed, and glazed, and forwarded to Her Royal Highness; and a letter had been received from her private secretary acknowledging its receipt, and accepting the resolution. Her Royal Highness also desired that the expression of her thanks for it might be conveyed to the brethren who were present when the resolution was passed. On the motion of Bro. J. M. Case P.G.D., seconded by Bro. Magnus Ohren Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, the letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes. The Earl of Lathom then said he had received the commands of His Royal Highness the Grand Master to make a statement to Grand Lodge. A few days ago he (the Earl of Lathom) received a letter from the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands, enclosing a resolution passed at their last meeting, on the 13th of February, requesting him, as their representative in Grand Lodge of England, to present it to Grand Lodge. As, however, that resolution was to the effect that the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands requested the good offices of the Grand Lodge of England towards obtaining the re-establishment of the Transvaal Republic, he (the Earl of Lathom) replied, with the entire concurrence and approval of His Royal Highness the Grand Master, that however anxious he might be to comply with their wishes, inasmuch as it was one of the fundamental principles of English Masonry that no question, either of a religious or of a political nature, could ever be brought forward or discussed at any of their meetings, he could only regret that, in accordance with such principle, he felt himself entirely precluded from acceding to their request. Major Bond rose on a question of privilege, having given a notice of motion to the Board of Masters for a committee of inquiry into the *status* of the Masonic Institutions. This notice was refused acceptance by the President of the Board of Masters, on the ground that Grand Lodge had no jurisdiction over the Charities of the Order. Bro. McIntyre, Q.C., advised G. Lodge that the President of the Board of Masters was quite right, and the Earl of Lathom ruled that Major Bond could not be heard. Bro. E. Letchworth, in proposing the re-election of the Prince of Wales as G.M., said he should be guilty not only of presumption, but of great injustice to Grand Lodge, were he vain enough for one moment to imagine that any words of his were necessary to arouse the loyalty of the brethren, or secure for this motion that hearty and unanimous support which he knew they would accord to it. But it might not be unfitting if on that occasion he reminded them that the year just closed was one which would ever be memorable in the history of the Order—a history no page of which would be more full of interest than that which chronicled how, on the 20th May 1880, Grand Lodge was held in the newly-constituted City of Truro, and how his Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall, as Grand Master of English Masons, with all the solemn pomp and state of Masonic ceremonial, laid the foundation stone of that sacred edifice, with which his name would for ever be associated. He might also recall how, more recently, the Grand Master deigned to accept the hospitality—the splendid hospitality of a distinguished officer of Grand Lodge, at that time Lord Mayor of London. On that occasion many of them who were privileged to receive from the lips of His Royal Highness an assurance of his deep and unabated interest in all matters connected with the Craft, an interest which His Royal Highness told them would continue so long as he lived. He (Bro. Letchworth) was sure he was only giving utterance to the sentiment of every brother in Grand Lodge, and of every Mason throughout the land, when he expressed the fervent hope that H.R.H. might for many years continue to reign over that Grand Lodge, and that the day might be far distant when he would be called upon to exchange the gavel for the sceptre. Dr. Meadows seconded the motion, and the Earl of Lathom added a few words, testifying from his own personal knowledge to the ability and assiduity with which the Prince of Wales performed every duty which he undertook. The election was unanimous, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was proclaimed Grand Master by Sir Albert Woods. Colonel Creaton was re-elected Grand Treasurer, on the motion of Bro. Sampson Pierce, seconded by Bro. J. M. Case. The motion of Bro. Tudor Trevor was referred to the Board of General Purposes. Grand Lodge was then closed.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—On Monday, 28th ult., at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road. Present—Bros. Loane W.M., Hubbert S.W., C. Kendall J.W., Barnes Treas., Stewart Sec., Scheerboom S.D., Tyer J.D., Brittain I.G., Loftus. After formalities, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Loftus candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. C. Kendall, W.M. of the mother Lodge, and Bro. Loftus having answered the questions, was entrusted. Lodge opened in second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Loftus candidate. Lodge closed in 2nd degree. W.M. then worked the 1st and 2nd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Hubbert, C. Kendall, and Loftus were appointed Auditors for the accounts of last year, and Bro. Hubbert elected W.M. for ensuing week. Lodge was closed.

The plans for the new Masonic Hall in the Eastcliff-road, Shanklin which will have an imposing frontage, were approved by the Local Board on Tuesday, the 15th inst. Mr. Francis Newman, of Ryde, is the architect.

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YORK COLLEGE OF ROSICRUCIANS.

THIS Masonic Archæological Body, meeting under the authority of the High Council of England, held its annual gathering at York, on Saturday, 26th ult. The Ch. Adept Fra. T. B. Whytehead IX. presided, and there were also present the following fratres:—Rev. W. C. Lukis VII. Suffr., J. S. Cumberland VII. Celeb., T. J. Wilkinson VI. P.A., W. Roley VI. S.A., J. Oates I. as T.A., R. W. Moore I. as Q.A., J. Maffey IV. as C.N., J. M. Meek I. as G.T., T. W. Holmes VI. T.B., J. W. Woodall IV., J. C. Thompson I. and J. F. Taylor I. Successful ballots were taken for the following brethren:—A. M. Broadley P.D.D.G.M. (Malta), J. A. Bindley P.M. 624 (Burton-on-Trent), Rev. J. Metcalfe, M.A. No. 1611 (York), and W. Fourness No. 1211 (Leeds). The following accepted aspirants were then introduced and admitted to the grade of Zelator:—Bros. J. J. Wilkes (Darlington), J. Todd P.M. (York), W. Bakewell (Leeds), and A. M. Broadley (Tunis). At the conclusion of the ceremonial, the Ch. Adept addressed the fratres, reviewing the work of the College since its commencement, and indicating its work for the future. He especially dwelt on the delight, as well as the necessity for Masonic investigation, and showed the advantages to be gained from the examination of old minutes and other Masonic memoranda which were too often permitted to be neglected and unsearched. He alluded to the admission that day of Fra. Broadley, who was exactly the kind of Mason they desired to enrol, and mentioned that it was Fra. Broadley's desire to open a college at Tunis on the ruins of ancient Carthage. The report of the Auditors having been adopted, Fra. Broadley was requested by the Ch. Adept to read some notes he had prepared on the Carthaginian remains, and the symbolic marks of the Phœnician builders. This he did in a most interesting manner, and the paper was ordered to be printed at the request of the fratres. The election of officers for the year then took place as follows: Fra. T. W. Holmes VI. Celeb, J. S. Cumberland VII. Secretary and Treasurer, Walter Rowley VI. P.A., E. P. Peterson V. S.A., C. L. Mason V. T.A., W. Watson IV. Q.A., J. Maffey IV. C. of N., J. M. Meek I., and R. W. Moore I. Heralds, J. C. Thompson I. G.T., E. Linck I. T.B., Wm. Paley I. Medallist. The Acolyte was re-elected, and it was resolved to hold the next meeting on some Wednesday in May. Two candidates were proposed; a number of letters of apology were read from absent members, and the M.C. was dissolved. During the earlier portion of the day the Ch. Adept and some of the Fratres inspected the parchment constitutions, minute books, &c., of the Grand Lodge of All England at York, Bro. J. Todd, Treasurer of the York Lodge, having kindly had the Masonic Hall opened for the purpose.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 24th ult. Bros. H. E. Tucker W.M., Wilkinson S.W., C. Andrews P.M. J.W., Porter S.D., J. Green J.D., J. Wells I.G.; also Bros. Simpkin and H. Stephens. The work of the evening comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. E. C. Porter candidate. Lodge was opened to the third degree and closed to first, when the brethren elected Bro. Wilkinson W.M. for the next meeting.

Kings Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—On the 27th ultimo, at Bro. Devine's, Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square. Bros. L. Solomons W.M., J. Edwards S.W., F. Silvester J.W., Birrell S.D., F. Guyer J.D., Devine Treasurer, L. Jacobs as Secretary, B. Kauffmann I.G., J. Hemming Preceptor, and thirty-one brethren. The first section of the first lecture was worked. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Douglass acting as candidate. The fourth section was then worked. Bro. Burgess practised the formula of investing officers. Bro. Snowden 157 was elected a member. Bro. J. Edwards was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. After the Lodge had been closed, a ballot took place for a Life Governorship of one of the Masonic Charities, in connection with the Benevolent Association attached to this Lodge of Instruction.

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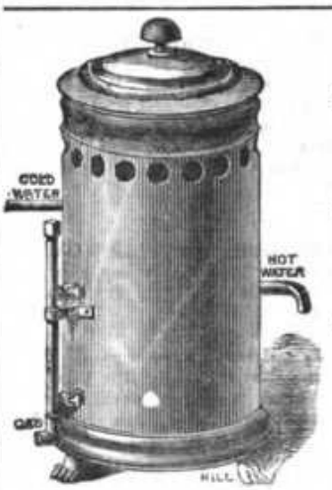
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SOME time ago I placed before your readers an account of the extinct Lodge once held at the Punch Bowl Inn, at York. I now have much pleasure in giving a sketch of the career of the Mariners' Lodge, at Selby, near York—a Lodge which existed apparently less than twenty years, but which during that period did a good deal of work. Its minutes are now in the safe custody of the St. Germain's Lodge, No. 566, at Selby, and I am indebted to the courtesy of the Worshipful Master and Secretary of that Lodge for the privilege of examining them thoroughly.

The Minute-Book is in excellent preservation, and has on the first page a form of summons issued by the Lodge. Below this is the following entry:—

"In the making, after the prayer in Preston's Illustrations, last chapter in 2nd Thessalonians to be read previous to the obligation. In the 2nd Degree we read the 13th chapter 1st Corinthians, and in the 3rd Degree 13th Hebrews, all previous to the obligation."

The first minute records the constitution of the Lodge, which took place on the 7th of June 1799. The ceremony was performed by four brethren of the Union Lodge at York (now the York Lodge, 236), and Bro. Hardisty, of the now extinct Apollo Lodge, who were appointed by the Provincial Grand Master for the purpose. Five or six brethren of Selby were also present. Having read their authority, which was signed by Bro. J. Watson, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Master, the "deputation" constituted the Lodge, and "dedicated it to Holy St. John the Baptist, to Freemasonry, Virtue, and Universal Charity and Benevolence." An Oration was given by Bro. Lund, the Secretary. The First Lecture was given by a second brother, the Second Lecture by Bro. Lund, and the third by a Past Master of the Union Lodge. A ballot was taken for a Worshipful Master, and Bro. A. Shepherd was chosen. "The health of the W.M. Elect was drank with Masonic Honours, and he was duly invested with the insignia of his office," and proceeded to appoint his Officers:—E. Aspinall S.W., Joseph Sawyer J.W., John Sawyer Secretary, and T. Winter Senior Steward. These having been invested, "the charges were given."

On the 12th of the same month an emergency meeting was held, when Bro. John Sawyer was appointed Treasurer, and a candidate was proposed. I may here mention that in all cases the ballot for candidates was taken in the third degree.

On the 21st August 1799 it is recorded that the J.W. acted as W.M. in the absence of the latter, and on the 28th of the same month the same thing occurred, when two candidates were initiated and passed by him.

On the 20th November "it was ordered that the Master shall apply for a constitution for this Lodge," and "harmony prevailed until Bro. Joseph Sawyer J.W. came into the Lodge in a very abrupt and insulting manner to the Order of Masonry, and particularly to the Worshipful Master, whereupon the Lodge was closed." On the 21st November an "Emergency and Inquiry Apprentice Lodge was opened," and it was resolved that the conduct of Sawyer was reprehensible. Accordingly the Apprentice Lodge was closed, and a Master Masons' Lodge was opened, and Sawyer was "unanimously expelled," and the Secretary was ordered to wait on him and inform him of this unpleasant circumstance, and "return him the money he had advanced;" also to inform Bro. E. Peck, the W.M. of the Union Lodge, at York, and also the Lodge at Wakefield.

On the 4th December 1799, Bro. A. Shepherd was re-elected Master. About this time the members seemed to have formed a Masonic Benefit Society for the relief of their own distressed members. Members joining it were regularly proposed and balloted for, and it was quite distinct from the Lodge Funds. In April 1800 Bro. J. Staniland was appointed by the W.M. as Provincial Steward for the Lodge, and in May, of the same year, a Lodge of Instruction was formed.

On June 21, 1800, Bro. E. Aspinall was elected W.M., and an emergency meeting was held to celebrate "the festival of our patron St. John the Baptist." On that occasion "an apprentice Lodge was opened, when E. Aspinall appointed himself to the chair in the absence of our late W.M. A. Shepherd, and installed his officers." A brother was then "exalted" to "the 3rd or Sublime degree." The terms "passed," "raised," and "exalted," were at this time used indiscriminately.

On the 3rd July the W.M. "requested the opinion of the Brethren respecting the proper chairs for the Lodge being procured, which were unanimously ordered to be procured."

In October of this year it was resolved that in future elections should not be by ballot, "all candidates to be publickly announced in full Lodge, and the assent or dissent of the brethren taken accordingly," but in November this resolution was rescinded, and the ballot was again adopted, "as the other method was not according to Masonic rules."

The Mariners' Lodge was staunchly loyal, for I find that in October 1800 "Mr. George Bennett was ballotted for and unanimously approved of, provided he recanted from his former political principles and promised due allegiance to the King and the laws and constitutions of these realmes." Mr. Bennett is described as a "Hatt maker." At this meeting the "lecture was given by Bro. T. Dickinson, who afterwards gave the Apprentice Song." At the following meeting "Mr. R. Bill and Mr. G. Bennett were initiated into the Mistories of Masonry in this Lodge in the first degree, or that of an apprentice, having first declared that they will pay due allegiance to King George the Third and the laws and Constitutions of these Realmes." On the 19th of the same month several brethren were raised to the third degree, and the "Floor Cloth was explained." It was at the same meeting ordered that Bro. Garbutt make "the passage of the staircase properly secure from coeins." The meetings were held throughout at the Rose and Crown Inn.

On 7th January 1801 Bro. J. Coulman, Treasurer, took the chair for the ensuing year. At the February meeting a visiting Brother Chambers "proposed himself" to be a member of the Lodge, and was accepted.

At the April meeting it was "resolved that Bros. Garbutt and Dickinson be requested to go over to York in order to receive instruction in the 3rd degree, and their expenses will be defrayed by the Lodge."

On the 18th November 1801 Bro. Coulman was re-elected, by scroll, to the chair, and on the 16th December the Junior Warden was also elected by scroll, the only instance on the minutes. In February 1802 fees for registration in Grand Lodge were paid by the brethren in consequence of a communication received from Bro. W. White Grand Secretary. At the next meeting a letter was read from Bro. Hartley, Secretary of the St. George's Lodge of East York Militia, notifying the expulsion of a brother for fraudulent conduct. In December 1820 the Lodge had enrolled 45 members, and Bro. Coulman was again re-elected to the chair, out of six brethren, who were eligible. On the 7th August 1803 a letter was read from Bro. Teally, W.M. of the Minerva Lodge, Hull, stating that two brethren had been expelled the Lodge for intoxication. It was resolved to send a letter of thanks for the information to the Minerva Lodge, and a hope was expressed that "the same will act as a caution to the brethren of the Mariners' Lodge." In December 1803 Bro. Thos. Foster was elected W.M., and accordingly at the December meeting, "Bro. Coulman divested himself of the badge of his office, and also divested all the other officers of the different orders of their offices. Bro. T. Foster was then duly exalted to the chair, and invested with the pass and chair word, and jewel of his office. The R.W.M. then duly invested our last Master his P. Master." Two Wardens, Senior and Junior Stewards, and a Tyler were also appointed and invested, but no other officers are mentioned. Bro. Foster seems to have been somewhat remiss in his duties during his term, and on the 1st December 1804 Bro. Coulman was re-elected to the chair.

In March 1805 it was resolved that the members should pay a weekly subscription of a shilling a piece for the State Lottery, and it was proposed that some of the Lodge Funds should be appropriated to the same purpose. This proposal, however, seems to have fallen through. A letter was read from Bro. W. Dignan, Secretary of the Masonic Charity for Female Children, and it was agreed to subscribe a guinea to that Institution.

In December 1805 Bro. Coulman was again re-elected Master, and it was resolved to purchase for the Lodge proper candlesticks, canopies for the chairs, and two globes. The following December Bro. Coulman was once more placed in the chair.

The last minute is dated Sept. 2, 1807, when we are informed that a Masters' Lodge was opened by Bro. C. Garbutt W.M., but there was no business. The Lodge, however, did not then cease to hold meetings, for I find in the Treasurer's cash-book, which is also preserved, entries for payments of Lodge expenses as late as July 6, 1814.

Amongst these cash entries are one or two items worth noting:—

		£	s	d
1801.	Bro. Peck for Masonic Almanack - - - -	0	1	6
	Paid Travelling Turk - - - - - -	0	1	0
1802.	Apl. 7. Sashes for Royal Arch - - - -	3	11	9
	(There is no other allusion to the Royal Arch).			
	July 7. Paid Ringers, Clark, & Saxton- - -	0	16	0
	Sep. 1. St. John's Musick men, Bro. Harkers -	1	1	0
1803.	July 6. Three banners from Bro. Brooksbank -	13	14	4
	Oct. 6. A glass for Constitution - - - -	0	12	0
1804.	June 6. Attending the Volunteers coming from Malton - - - - - -	2	3	6
1806.	Nov. 5. Attending Provincial Lodge at York -	9	8	9½

One at least of the Secretaries of the Mariners' Lodge must have been unusually illiterate, for the spelling is occasionally marvellous—for instance, "seckerterrey," "prevenshall," "lodgnite," "sallery."

The Lodge members were gathered from all classes, and I find clergy of the Established Church, attorneys, surgeons, gentlemen, tradesmen, and a large proportion of mariners on the register.

Amongst the Visitors to the Lodge at various times were many from the Union Lodge at York, No. 331, as well as from the St. George's Lodge, East York Militia, No. 356. I also find—

16 July 1800. J. Prince, from No. 28, Ancient Masons Lodge, Cork.
3 Sep. 1800. G. Trueman, from Lion Lodge, Whitby.
3 Dec. 1800. Bro. Smallpage, from Fidelity Lodge, Leeds, No. 512.
4 Feb. 1801. R. Chambers, from Jacob's Lodge, Ramsgate.
Bro. Townsend, from Philanthropic Lodge, Leeds, No. 512.
5 Sept. 1804. Bro. Pindar, from Lodge 549, Halifax.
1 Aug. 1804. Bro. Dibb, from Minerva Lodge, Hull.
Bro. Badbey, from No. 7, Woolwich.

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6 Mar. 1805. Bro. Prince, from White Hart Lodge, Huddersfield, No. 513.
3 Apl. 1805. Bro. Garnett, from Prince of Wales Lodge, Gainsborough, No. 423.
5 June 1805. R. Darbey, from Lodge of Attention (*sic*), Lynn.
7 Aug. 1805. J. Mentrup, from Rodney Lodge, Hull.
5 Mar. 1806. G. Schofield, from Lodge 2, Cannongate, Edinburgh.
3 Dec. 1806. T. Sissons, from Minervey (*sic*) Lodge, Hull.
3 June 1807. J. Lee, from St. Matthew's Lodge, 406, Barton.

The St. Germain's Lodge carefully preserves several relics of the Mariners' Lodge. The Master's chair, the back adorned by a blazing sun, surrounded by the motto, "Sit Lux et Lux Fuit;" half a dozen engraved glasses; three pedestals, about a foot high, for candlesticks; the old square and the Junior Warden's column. These are all worth examination, and it is gratifying to know that they are in such excellent hands. Bro. William Rawling P.M. has for eighteen years acted as Secretary of the St. Germain's Lodge, and is an excellent specimen of the hearty and hospitable Yorkshire Mason. His Lodge occupies very comfortable premises of its own. The Lodge room is elegantly furnished, and adorned with many portraits and engravings presented by the members. The chairs are emblematically painted, and adorned with symbols of the sun, moon, and stars, and everything seems to be maintained in excellent order, thanks to the energy and generosity of the brethren, conspicuous amongst whom, I understand, is Bro. Weddall, of Selby, the oldest Past Master of the Lodge.

To the courtesy of Bro. Rawling P.M., Bro. J. Dunn the I.P.M., and Bro. J. T. Atkinson P.M., the Master of the Ceremonies, I am indebted for the opportunity afforded me of preparing these Notes.

To complete the sketch, I ought perhaps to refer to the By-laws of the Lodge agreed upon in 1799. They provide for fines of various amounts to be inflicted on members found guilty of addressing the chair sitting, of coming to the Lodge in liquor, of swearing, profane talking, laying wagers, or refractory behaviour. The Secretary was to be fined 2s 6d for neglecting to summon the members. The ballot for candidates was to be unanimous. The fee was three guineas, the joining fee 12s 6d, the subscription 5s a quarter. The Lodge was to be closed at ten o'clock, and any member remaining after eleven was to be fined 5s. A candidate blackballed could not be again proposed. The Lodge was not closed for refreshments, but these were to be put on a side table, and any one partaking of them was to pay sixpence.

ANNIVERSARY OF BRO. HUGHES'S WEDDING DAY.

ON Friday, the 25th ult., a numerous assemblage of the relations and friends of Bro. Hughes, P.M. of the Manchester Lodge, and his amiable wife, met at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, to celebrate the thirty-second anniversary of their wedding day. The company were received by Bro. Hughes and Mrs. Hughes in the Drawing-room of the Tavern, and forty-five guests sat down to a sumptuous and *récherché* banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. Dawkins. Owing to the care and attention of Bro. Hughes and his sons, there was nothing that could be desired by those who were present. Bro. Hughes was supported by Bros. Hopekirk, Kew, Benet, and Lovett, Past Masters of his Lodge, and these brethren were accompanied by their wives. The Officers of the Lodge were in attendance, in addition to several of the members. Bro. W. Hughes jun., in feeling terms, remarked how pleased he was to say the paternal feeling predominated on this, the thirty-second anniversary of his parents' wedding day. He should say but few words; he trusted that they might be spared for many years to gladden the hearts of their relatives and the numerous friends present on that social occasion. After a capital and appropriate song by Bro. Milward, Bro. Hughes said how pleased he was to see his relations and numerous other dear friends around him; he hoped, if spared, to meet them for many years. Bro. Hopekirk P.M., in humorous terms, responded to the toast of the Ladies. After a song from Mr. Hamilton, Miss Amy Hughes delighted the company with a song, in which she was accompanied by Miss K. Hughes. Bro. Hopekirk had now great pleasure in proposing the health of the sons and daughters of Bro. Hughes. All present had heard how eloquently the son had spoken of his parents, and now he (Bro. Hopekirk) might say the daughters were equally worthy of their regard and esteem. They had exhibited great talent both in painting and music. He would ask the company to drink to the toast heartily and enthusiastically. After this compliment had been acknowledged by Bro. Hughes jun., the ladies and brethren adjourned to the Ball-room, where music and dancing was thoroughly enjoyed till an early hour. The pleasant gathering terminated with the expressed hope that Bro. and Mrs. Hughes might be spared to celebrate their golden wedding. Madame Benet, Mrs. Milward, Bros. Dickinson, Milward, W. Hughes, and Mr. Hamilton contributed to the harmony.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Monday, 28th inst., at the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, Cathedral Hotel, Cheapside, on which occasion Bro. G. H. Stephens will preside. It may be remembered that this meeting was to have taken place some time since, but was postponed by reason of the illness of Bro. Stephens's wife. Bro. Barnes will occupy the chair of S.W., Bro. Myers that of J.W., and Bro. Musto will act as I.P.M. It is expected that a very large number of influential workers will be present, the brethren whose names are down for the various sections being among the most prominent in the Craft.

Bro. C. Cordingley, of Hammersmith, was unanimously elected Worshipful Master of the Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, on Thursday evening. The Installation Ceremony will take place at Masons' Tavern, Masons'-avenue, on Thursday, 7th April.

JAMAICA.

Kingston Chapter (Rose Croix).—The regular meeting of this Chapter took place on the 25th January, at the Sussex Masonic Hall, 57 Hanover-street, Kingston. There were present—Illustrious Bros. William Andrews 30 M.W.S., Captain Portlock Dadson 32 Recorder; Excellent Bros. C. H. Davis, G. M. Duff, F. W. Melville, W. Duff, A. E. Burke, J. C. Ford, E. Jordan Andrews, M. P. Cormac McCormack, F. S. Callow, R. S. Haughton, John Parry, J. H. Davis, James Sinclair; Bros. J. E. Duncombe and A. Da Costa as Equerries. The Visitors included Excellent Bros. W. S. Magnus, John McLean, G. J. Peynado, A. H. Alexander, A. H. Jones, of the Jamaica Chapter (Rose Croix). Bros. James Sinclair and John H. Davis were duly perfected in the eighteenth degree. Excellent Bro. A. H. Jones was elected an honorary member of the Chapter. Illustrious Bro. William Andrews 30, having been elected for a second year of office, was duly installed as Most Worshipful Sovereign of the Chapter, and appointed his Officers as follow:—Excellent Bros. C. H. Davis as High Prelate, J. C. Ford as First General, G. M. Duff as Second General, W. Duff as Treasurer, E. Jordan Andrews as Recorder, F. W. Melville as Grand Marshal, Dr. McCormack as Raphael, F. S. Callow as First Herald, A. E. Burke as Second Herald, J. Parry as Captain of the Guard, W. S. Richards as First Lieutenant of the Guard, S. Soutar as Second Lieutenant of the Guard, J. H. Davis as Director of Ceremonies, A. H. Jones as Organist.

The Most Worshipful Sovereign read and presented the following illuminated address, signed by the members of the Chapter:—

Kingston Chapter, No. 86, of Sovereign Princes, Rose Croix.
25th January 1881.

ILLUSTRIOUS BROTHER WILLIAM FREDERICK PORTLOCK DADSON, 32°.

Illustrious Sir and Brother,—We have heard with great regret that you are about to sever your connection with this island, and that you contemplate soon a return to the land which gave you birth.

While we would not, if we could, deny you the pleasure which is in store for you at once again beholding the glad countenances and joyful smiles of your wife and children on your return to England, we do say that we part with you with infinite regret.

Since your advent in Jamaica you have endeared yourself to all classes of individuals, and especially to Masons, by your fraternal intercourse with them. We bear witness to your zeal for Freemasonry generally, and to the anxious solicitude which you have always evinced for the proper working and advancement of the higher degrees in Freemasonry in Jamaica.

To your influence and assistance is this Chapter indebted for its existence, and though you go from us, still we shall always feel your presence among us. We trust that you will long live to illustrate by your life and actions the beauty and excellence of our Order, of which you have made yourself a high, distinguished, and respected member.

We breathe the earnest prayer that you may be conducted safely to your home and to the bosom of your family, under the especial guidance of "Him who is the way, the Truth, and the Life;" that you may ever enjoy the esteem of your fellows, and that you may continue so to live that when your life on earth is ended you may, in God's good time, appear before the Great White Throne on High, and there receive from our Great Immanuel, who is "the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley," the glad welcome, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of your Lord."

Finally, let us wish you, as members of this Chapter, a sad, fond adieu, and that God will pour down His choicest blessings upon your wife, your children, and yourself.

Jamaica Chapter (Rose Croix).—The regular meeting of this Chapter took place on the 26th January, at the Sussex Masonic Hall, 57 Hanover-street, Kingston. The following brethren were present—Excellent Bro. Henry Garsia Most Worshipful Sovereign; Illustrious Bros. Captain Portlock Dadson 32 Recorder, C. W. Steer 30 High Prelate; Excellent Bros. A. H. Jones, C. H. Davis, W. S. Magnus, E. Boliver Wolfe, A. H. Alexander, Gerald Waldron, R. Langley, F. A. Skeete; Bro. Albert Da Costa as Equerry. Excellent Bro. B. Mortimer Diaz was elected an honorary member of the Chapter. Bro. Frederick Adolphus Skeete, of Bridgetown, Barbadoes, was duly perfected in the eighteenth degree. Illustrious Bro. C. W. Steer 30 was elected by ballot as Most Worshipful Sovereign, and Excellent Bro. C. H. Davis as Treasurer for the ensuing year, and the usual Committees were appointed to audit the accounts and arrange for the annual banquet at the installation on St. George's Day.

United Service Lodge, No. 1873.—Held its first regular meeting at the Sussex Masonic Hall, Kingston, on the 1st of February. Bro. C. W. Tait D.G.S. Warden presiding, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Commander Warry, R.N. The members present included Captain Marvin S.W., Dr. Cormac McCormack J.W., F. S. Sanguinetti S.D., I. A. Harvey J.D., Lieutenant Hampton I.G., J. B. Lucie-Smith Secretary, Albert Da Costa Tyler, Captain W. F. Portlock Dadson P.M. P.D.G. Deacon, E. S. Sanguinetti, A. H. Jones D.G. Organist, &c. Bro. the Rev. Acheson Findlay was appointed Chaplain of the Lodge, in succession to Bro. the Rev. Hugh Croskery, M.D., who has left the island. Lieutenant John Holland Harwood, 2nd West India Regiment, was initiated, and Bro. Captain Robert F. Devereux, of the 2nd West India Regiment, was proposed for ballot as a joining member.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—During every break of wintry weather exertions should be made by the afflicted to recover health before unremitting cold and trying storms set in. Throat ailments, coughs, wheezings, asthmatical affections, shortness of breath, morning nausea, and accumulation of phlegm, can readily be removed by rubbing this fine derivative Ointment twice a day upon the chest and neck. Holloway's treatment is strongly recommended with the view of giving immediate ease, preventing prospective danger, and effecting permanent relief. These all-important ends his Ointment and Pills can accomplish, and will surely prevent insidious diseases from fastening on the constitution to display themselves afterwards in those disastrous forms that will probably embitter life till death itself is almost prayed for.

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MARK MASONRY.

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ON 22nd ult. there was a gathering of the Mark Masons of the Province of Cornwall, at St. Austell, the occasion being the consecration of a new Mark Lodge, to be known hereafter as the "St. Austell," No. 275 on the roll of the Mark Grand Lodge of England. The meeting was held at the elegant little Masonic Hall belonging to the Peace and Harmony Craft Lodge. The imposing ceremonial of the consecration of the Lodge was conducted by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, ably assisted by Bros. Hughan, Johns and West, acting P.G.S.W.; Bros. W. P. Smith acted as P.G.J.W., Controller Blake as Past Grand Sword Bearer, Emra Holmes as Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Rev. E. Gill as Provincial Grand Chaplain and Organist. The Provincial Grand Secretary read the warrant constituting the Lodge, signed by the Earl of Lathom Grand Mark Master, on 1st January last, which mentioned as the founders, Bros. W. J. Hughan, C. Truscott jun., W. J. West, W. Guy, W. Mason, W. Luke, T. H. Lukes, J. W. Higman. The Lodge having been duly dedicated and constituted, the ballot was taken for the following, as joining members, who were all unanimously elected:—Bros. Sir Charles G. Sawle, Bart., Rev. E. E. Gill, R. Parson, W. P. Smith, H. De Legh, and W. Nettle. The ballot was then taken for the following brethren, candidates for advancement to the degree of M.M., who were also unanimously accepted:—Wor. Bros. Rev. F. B. Paul P.M. 1151 Past Provincial Grand Chaplain, T. J. Smith P.M. 496, J. Job P.M. 496, F. Williams P.M. 977 Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer, F. Parkyn P.M. 856; Bros. W. Tredinnick J.D. 496, J. de Cressy Treffry J.D. 977, A. Sheriff Clunes D.C. 977, J. A. Blamey I.G. 1785, C. K. Stevens S.D. 977, B. Houseley S.D. 496, J. Holt J.W. 856, W. J. Watts 496, W. Real Tyler 496. The whole of the brethren being present, with the exception of Bros. Paul, Job, Stevens and Parkyn, they were duly and regularly obligated and advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master Mason, the impressive and dramatic ceremony being performed by Bro. W. J. Hughan with his customary ability. The learned brother—whose works on Masonry are known and read wherever the English language is spoken, and nowhere perhaps more widely than in the United States of America—then delivered an oration on the principles of Mark Masonry, which was listened to with great interest and attention. He mentioned incidentally that there was a Mark Lodge held at Redruth in 1806, and that a Knight Templar Encampment had been held there since 1797. Dwelling upon the great antiquity of the Mark as a degree, he said he had seen the charter of a Mark Lodge in Scotland, with Marks of the members attached, of the date of 1678. These members were noblemen, and men of various professions, as well as operative Masons and other handicraftsmen, which showed that speculative Masonry existed at this period. At the conclusion of this most interesting address, Bro. West installed Bro. C. Truscott, who was presented by Sir Charles Sawle, as W.M. into the chair of A. at a special Lodge of Installed Masters. He then appointed and invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. Mason S.W., Guy J.W., A. Luke M.O., T. S. Lukes S.O., J. W. Higman J.O., A. Luke Treasurer, R. Parsons Secretary, De Legh (by proxy) Reg. of Marks, Rev. E. Gill Chaplain, W. P. Smith Organist, W. Nettle S.D., F. B. Williams J.D., Blamey D.C., J. de C. Treffry I.G., Smith and A. S. Clunes Stewards, Real Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together, to the number of thirty, at the White Hart Hotel, where a splendid banquet was admirably served, and at a very reasonable cost, by Bro. Lukes, to which ample justice was done. The usual Masonic toasts followed, Bros. W. J. Hughan and Emra Holmes responding to that of the Officers of the Grand Mark Lodge of England. Bro. Hughan, in the very interesting and telling speech he made, showed by the list of names of eminent Masons in the Craft who had filled the office of Grand Master—which could only be held for three years in succession in this degree, and not practically *ad vitam* as in the Craft—that the Mark degree was held in high estimation by the rulers in Masonry. The present Grand Master was the Earl of Lathom, who was also Deputy Grand Master in the Craft—a nobleman beloved by all who knew him. The Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Limerick, Lord Leigh—who were respectively Pro Grand Master, Provincial Grand Master of Bristol, and Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire in the Craft—and Earl Percy, were all Past Grand Mark Master Masons. The position of the Mark was exactly that of the other high degrees as regards the Craft. The learned brother concluded a very able speech by showing what, in his opinion, was the esoteric teaching of Mark Masonry. Bro. Emra Holmes, alluding to Bro. Hughan's statement of the position of Mark Masonry, as regards the Craft, said that by the articles of union between the two Grand Lodges in 1813 it was expressly stipulated in one of them that whilst it was ruled that ancient Masonry consisted of three degrees, and no more, including the Royal Arch, "yet that this article did not intend but that the chivalric Orders should meet in our Chapters and Lodges as heretofore," which was a distinct recognition of the high degrees of the Knights Templar and Rose Croix, &c. He (the speaker) thought the Mark one of the most interesting degrees from an archæological point of view. The Mark Masons of the middle ages marked the stones in their cathedrals and churches and castles, and he himself had seen crowds of these marks on the walls of Salisbury, removed from Old Sarum in the year 1220. The health of the R.W.P.G. Master Sir Charles Sawle was cordially given and responded to. Other toasts followed, and the brethren separated.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

Mark Masonry is making rapid progress in the North just at present, and next week two Lodges will be constituted in this Province. On Wednesday the Middlesborough Lodge will be consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Martin-road, Middlesborough (Bro. J. M. Meek P.M. W.M. designate), and on Thursday the Fitzwilliam Lodge will be consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Malton (Bro. J. Marshall W.M. Designate), each ceremony taking place at 2 p.m. R.W. Bro. A. M. Broadley Prov. G.M.M.M. of Tunis and Malta has been deputed by the M.W.G. M.M.M. the Earl of Lathom to perform the ceremonies, and he will be assisted by W. Bro. J. W. Woodall P.G.M.O., Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. of York, and other distinguished brethren in the North. We learn that there is also a prospect of a Mark Lodge being constituted at Beverley, in the same Province.

ROYAL ARCH.

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FORTITUDE CHAPTER, No. 105.

ON Wednesday evening, 23rd ult., a convocation of this Chapter was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple for the election of Principals and other business. Comps. J. T. Browning was elected Z., Emden H., and Sawyer J. Comp. Charles Rodda was appointed Principal Sojourner, and he appointed Comps. J. D. Ford First Assistant and T. D. Gray Second Assistant. Comp. T. S. Phillips was appointed Janitor for the ensuing year.

West Smithfield Royal Arch Chapter.—A successful meeting of this Chapter took place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, 24th February, when Comp. T. Elliott was installed as M.E.Z., Comp. T. Adams H., and Comp. Butt J. The ceremony was ably and impressively rehearsed by Comp. William Stephens, Comp. James Stephens, with his usual good nature, assisting throughout. Comp. W. Stephens also exalted eight brethren to participate in the mysteries and privileges of this supreme degree, after which the following Comps. were invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—Comps. Mallett S.E., H. Lardner N., Goodenough P.S., Van Raalte 1st Assist., and King 2nd Assist. S. The Comps. then adjourned to a banquet, several of the Companions enlivening the meeting with their harmony, and Comp. James Stevens delivered a most excellent Masonic recitation in a very telling manner. The Comps. separated about 11.30, after having spent a very pleasant evening.

EARL OF CARNARVON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.

ON Friday, 25th ult., the ceremony of inaugurating this new Chapter of Improvement was most ably performed at the Mitre Hotel, Golbourne-road, North Kensington, by Comp. William Stephens P.Z. 862, 874, 1365. 1489, &c., acting M.E.Z., assisted by Comps. S. H. Parkhouse as H. and G. Read P.Z. 19 and 834 as J. Amongst those present were Comps. Geo. Penn Z. 1642, S. Smout Treas., Geo. Davis, J. S. Adkins, C. Andrews, Monson, S. Elborn, E. Rogers, S. Smout jun., H. Wood, W. Williams, J. Woodmason, Hatton, and D. Stroud. After an address had been delivered the M.E.Z. proceeded to constitute the Companions into a regular Chapter of Improvement, under the warrant of the Earl of Carnarvon Chapter 1642. The Companions were then elected as Officers, and duly invested, when the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed in a most perfect and able manner. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, Comps. Wm. Stephens, G. Read, and G. Davis were unanimously elected honorary members, and Comps. G. Penn and S. Smout jun. as Treasurer and Scribe E. respectively. A Committee was also formed to frame the Bye-laws. We may here state the Chapter is fully equipped and furnished with the banners and requisites suitable for a regular working Chapter. It is intended to meet fortnightly, and the first regular meeting will take place on Friday, 11th inst., Comp. Wm. Stephens acting as M.E.Z., and, as the working will be that of the late Comps. Dr. Ladd and John Boyd, we have no doubt of its success.

"DELILAH" AT THE NATIONAL STANDARD THEATRE.

THE BROS. DOUGLASS, proprietors of this theatre, enjoy a high reputation for the liberal spirit in which they endeavour to meet the taste of their patrons for a class of drama of a somewhat higher character than usually finds favour in the less aristocratic districts of London. Whenever a play of unusual merit has been produced at one of our West End theatres, it is a matter of course that, sooner or later, the Brothers Douglass will arrange for its performance at the Standard. Thus it was in the order of things that when Mr. Willing's drama, "Delilah," proved so great a success, firstly at the Park, where it was produced, and then at the Olympic, it should find a hearty welcome with the Douglasses and their patrons. The former, however, have not contented themselves with a mere representation of the play. They have secured the services of several well-known artists, with whose impersonations of character the audiences of the Adelphi, Olympic, Old Drury, &c., are familiar. They have provided new scenery and dresses, for the former of which Brother Richard Douglass deserves the warmest praise, while the latter can only be described by the word "magnificent." The piece was played well and evenly throughout by the whole company; but especial praise is due to Miss Bella Pateman as Miss Trevelyan in the Prologue, and Delilah in the drama; to Miss Fanny Addison as Lady Tempest, to Mr. J. C. Cowper as Major Bond, and to Mr. Leonard Boyne as Sir Arthur Tempest. The petite drama, "One Touch of Nature," concluded the evening's entertainment, Mr. J. C. Cowper and Miss Alice Rayner enacting their respective parts most successfully.

MARRIAGE.

WARD—DELAY.—On the 1st inst., at St. James's, Piccadilly, Bro. J. CHARLES WARD, City of Westminster Lodge, only son of JOHN WARD Esq., of Wimbledon, S.W., to LILLY, youngest daughter of WILLIAM DELAY Esq., of Upper Tooting, S.W.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 5th MARCH.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 7th MARCH.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Milford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M. 139—Panmure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
M.M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30 (Instruction)

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Potty Curry, Cambridge
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1674—Caradoc, Town Hall, Rhyl
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells

TUESDAY, 8th MARCH.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden
1635—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1668—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
R.C.—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
829—Sydney, Black Horse, Sidcup
882—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 9th MARCH.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-sreett, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1602—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
387—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction.)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool (In.)
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wales
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
M.M. 58—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 10th MARCH.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill
1339—Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7. (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
R.A. 754—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.

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344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
638—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1164—Elliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1389—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.

FRIDAY, 11th MARCH.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction.)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (In.)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-steet, Coole.
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
816—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street,
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1289—Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
K.T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 12th MARCH.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1428—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Lodge of Union, No. 414.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 15th February, at the Masonic Hall, Reading, Bros. S. Bradley I.P.M. acting W.M., R. C. Mount P.M. S.W., F. J. Ferguson J.W., S. A. Pocock P.M. Treas., M. J. Withers Sec., S. Wheeler S.D., A. W. Parry J.D., F. Blackwell D.C., Butler Steward, Witherington I.G., Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Oades, Baker, Yetts, Long 661. Visitors—Bros. Blackwell S.W. 1101, Ivey P.M. Sec. 1101, and Weatherhead 1101. In consequence of domestic bereavement, the W.M. was unavoidably absent. The chair was therefore taken by the I.P.M., who explained the reason of Bro. Stephens—the W.M.—inability to attend, and proceeded to open the Lodge. The minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. Mr. C. T. Rayner, elected at the last regular Lodge, was initiated by the acting W.M. in a very correct and impressive manner. Lodge was opened in the second degree by P.M. Oades, who announced that Bro. H. E. L. Grant was a candidate to be raised to the third degree; he therefore put the usual questions, which were satisfactorily answered, and Bro. Grant was entrusted, and retired. The Lodge was opened in the third, and Brother Grant was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The beautiful ceremony was admirably performed by P.M. Oades. The accompaniment of vocal and instrumental music, under the direction of Bro. Hayward Organist, added considerably to the effect. The Lodge was resumed to first degree, when three non-official brethren were elected on the Permanent Committee. The Permanent Committee's report as to the letting of the cellar under the Lodge room was received and adopted. After the usual ceremonies Lodge was closed.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the Star and Garter, Kew, on Friday evening, 25th February. Bros. Gunner Hon. Sec. W.M., C. E. Botley S.W., F. Botley J.W., Monson S.D., Kent J.D., Maton I.G., Roe P.M. Preceptor, Brill, Lees, Hildersley, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lees candidate. Lodge opened in second degree, and Bro. Lees answered the questions leading to third. Bro. Maton was entrusted, and Lodge was opened in third degree. Bro. Maton represented candidate, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge closed in third and second degrees. Bro. C. E. Botley was elected W.M. for next meeting. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Gunner, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, for his able working, for the first time, of the ceremony of the third degree. After Bro. Gunner had acknowledged the compliment, Lodge was closed.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 1st March, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road' Dalston. Bros. Christian W.M., Dignam S.W., Wardell J.W., J. Lorkin Sec., Brasted acting Preceptor, Catling S.D., Glass J.D., Smyth I.G.; also Bros. C. Lorkin, Macklin, Clark, Boyce, Polak, and P.M. Wallington. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Boyce acting as candidate. The W.M. worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Dignam was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 1st March. Present—Bros. Musto W.M., Pavitt S.W., Smith J.W., Barley J.D., Prosser I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Cundick as Preceptor; Bros. Watkins, Rawe, White, Keable, Forsyth, &c. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes read. The ceremony of initiation was well rehearsed by Bro. Musto, who was assisted by that excellent worker Brother Cundick, who kindly acted as J.D.; the first, second, and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Worsley. Bro. Pavitt was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week; the Lodge then closed. We were gratified at seeing such excellent workers present. The rendering of the ceremony and sections was all that could be desired.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. William Ferguson W.M., John Early Danks I.P.M., E. J. Blackwell S.W., Richard Dowsett J.W., Stransom Treas., Ivey P.M. Sec., Honey S.D., Hawkes J.D., Browne D.C., Ravenscroft Steward, Prickett I.G., Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Hurley, Welch, Margrett. Visitors—Bros. S. Bradley W.M. 414, Hawkes Steward 414. This was an emergency meeting; the present W.M. having a large schedule of work before him, thought it prudent to divide it a little so as not to have so much to do at any one meeting. Lodge was opened. Mr. W. E. Parkes, elected in January, and Mr. Frederic Coates, elected at the last regular Lodge, were initiated, the ceremony being admirably performed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, Bro. Knight, who was prevented from attending the last regular Lodge, a candidate to be raised to the third degree, satisfactorily answered the questions. Lodge was opened in the third, and Bro. Knight was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the beautiful ceremony being most correctly and impressively performed. The vocal and instrumental accompaniment, under the direction of Bro. Ravenscroft, as acting Organist, materially added to the effect, the whole of the brethren joined in the singing of the hymn, and made an impression both on the candidate and the members not to be forgotten. After resuming to the first degree Lodge was closed.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—On Tuesday, 1st March, at the Moorgate Tavern. Present:—Bros. J. Shipley W.M., Hall S.W., Orme J.W., H. T. Thompson acting Preceptor, C. G. Sparrow Secretary, Cuthbertson S.D., Kern I.G., and several others. After preliminaries the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Simpson candidate. Lodge closed in second degree, and Bro. Hall was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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ANALYSIS OF THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST, R.M.B.I.

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We will take the two Lancashires next. The Eastern Division, has 91 Lodges, and is numerically our largest Province. There is one list yet to be received, but the other five amount to £136 10s. West Lancashire, with eighty-one Lodges, figures for £257 5s. These are small amounts, but the latter supported their Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, at the Boys' Festival last year to the extent of £2664 18s 6d, and, in 1876, when his Lordship presided at the Benevolent, it gave over £1500. As to East Lancashire, when its chief, Bro. N. Le Gendre Starkie, presided at the Benevolent Festival in 1879, its eighty-six Stewards took up the sum of £3542. With such splendid efforts as these we cannot feel any surprise at the smallness of their contributions at some Festivals. Returning, however, Metropoliswards, we come upon Middlesex with a total of £346 3s 6d, the result of the seven out of nine lists returnable, the Elliott, No. 1567, Feltham, and the Royal Hanover, No. 1777, of Twickenham, heading the roll each with £105. This is another Province which always shows to advantage at these festive gatherings. Thus, in 1880, it gave the Benevolent £356 6s, there being one other list returnable. The Girls' were still more fortunate, and secured £408 6s, while the Boys' were almost on a level with them, the subscriptions to the latter reaching £403 2s 6d. In 1879 it gave in the order of their occurrence £440 7s at the Benevolent Festival, £347 0s 6d at that of the Girls' School, and £122 7s at that of the Boys' School. An excellent record, forsooth, which stands out the more prominently when without any of the uncalled-for accessory of praise. We must not pretermit our details, however. Lodge No. 1777 was represented on Wednesday week by Bro. Horace Marshall, whose first labour as an E.A. was to make himself a Vice-Patron of one of our Charities. He has done this again and again since in respect of the others, and the amount of his present list is a fourth hundred guineas, but whether his own, or an aggregate of smaller amounts, we cannot say. Middlesex, be it added, has thirty-one Lodges on its roll.

Monmouthshire, eight Lodges, sends £52 10s by the hands of Bro. W. Watkins, the same who acted as Steward at the Benevolent Festival last year, when his list was £46 15s, and who, in conjunction with Bro. Pickford for the Province, made up a total of £105 at the Girls' Festival. At that of the Boys', Monmouthshire figured for £26 5s. In 1879, Bro. Watkins, with a Bro. Williams for the Province, took up £136 10s for the Benevolent. At the Girls' Festival, the indefatigable Watkins was again to the front, or, rather, represented the front, rear, and main body of Monmouthshire, his list being £63; and so he did for the Boys', when he gathered together for that Institution a most useful £37 16s. While paying due honour to compact Monmouthshire, we cannot refrain from uttering the short, but expressive, note of admiration, "Bravo, Watkins!" Norths and Hunts, whose worthy chief, the Duke of Manchester, is still, we rejoice to say, at his post of Prov. G. Master, gives £191 7s; and a very good return it is, too, for the nine Lodges borne on its roll, especially as it gave £115 10s to this same Institution in 1880, £50 in 1879, while, in 1878, when the Duke of Manchester was chairman at the Benevolent, it made up, with his personal contribution, a round £300. In 1877 it gave the Boys' a turn to the extent of a hundred guineas. In 1876 the Benevolent was also fortunate in winning its attentions, the amount at that Festival being £121. North Wales and Salop, twenty-six Lodges, has a single representative in the person of Bro. W. H. Foulkes, whose contribution being ten guineas makes us imagine it is his own gift. But at the Boys' Festival of last year it figured for £265 17s, the aggregate result of the labours of five Stewards. It sent a single representative at the 1880 R.M.B.I. Festival—Bro. Corbett, whose amount would also seem to have been a personal contribution, while for the Girls' School it raised £164 7s 6d. To this last Institution it gave £66 3s in 1879, and there was still a list to be accounted for, while the other School benefited to the extent of £150 19s; and in 1878 to that of £169 1s. Thus, North Wales and Salop, if not showing to great advantage in this instance, has some lists to which it can point with very natural pride. Oxfordshire, nine Lodges, likewise shows well, one of the Steward's lists being returned as £108 14s, Bro. Cooper-Smith being the Steward, and the Lodge represented the Apollo University, No. 357. Last year its total contributions to the Benevolent were £231 18s 6d, three of its Stewards acting for Apollo University, and one of the three being Bro. Cooper-Smith, with £106 9s 6d. When its Grand Master, Prince Leopold, presided at the Girls' School Festival, as he did in 1880, there were ten Stewards, and the aggregate of their contributions, including the Prince's own donation of fifty guineas, was £309 12s. Under these circumstances, it is not surprising the Boys' School should have to content itself with £19 19s. In 1879 it gave the Benevolent £41 18s, with one list to be added; to the Girls' School £96 12s; and to the Boys' £78 15s, while in 1878 its contributions were—Benevolent, £47 10s 6d; Girls' School, £144 6s 6d; and Boys' School, £75 12s; and at the Festivals in 1877, in the order of their occurrence, £279 13s, £62 9s, and £40 7s 6d respectively. It will doubtless be in the recollection of our readers that Prince Leopold promised to take the chair at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, but was unfortunately prevented by indisposition at the last moment from fulfilling his intention, and his place was taken by the late Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot. This will explain the largeness of the first of the three amounts for this year. It is perhaps worth while adding that Apollo University takes the lead on these occasions, though the other Lodges, notably the premier on the roll of the Province—Alfred, No. 340—are also considerate of the necessities of our Charities.

Somersetshire, as represented by Capt. Perkins, acting for its twenty-two Lodges, sends £58 17s—no large amount, it will be said, but then in the year 1880 it gave the Girls' £241 10s, and the Boys' £106 1s, while the year before that it gave the Benevolent, per the same Capt. Perkins, £38 17s, the Girls,' per General Doherty, £247 16s, and the Boys' £133 8s. In 1878 it figures in the Benevolent list for £85 18s, Captain Perkins sending in the largest list; in that of the Girls' Festival, when the Earl of Carnarvon, its respected P.G.M. presided, for £318 3s; and it was represented at the Boys', but to what extent was not stated officially at the time. Its greatest achievement of late was in 1875, when his lordship presided at the Boys' Festival, and a total of £540 12s 6d was sent in. It would, indeed, be surprising if the Province, which is ruled by the Pro Grand Master, should be

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negligent of the interests of our grand Charities. Staffordshire, twenty-three Lodges, sent up two representatives whose lists together amounted to £178 10s, a result we may look upon as a favourable augury for the P.G. Mastership of Bro. Major G. Singleton Tudor. Last year it proved its strength by supporting the Girls' School to the extent of £536 11s, Major Tudor being the representative of the Province and Bro. Bayliss of the Province and Lodge No. 539—the St. Matthew, of Walsall. Bro. Pepper's list was not stated. After this praiseworthy effort, the support it could give the Boys' School would naturally be limited, still it sent in £36 15s. In 1879, the Girls' School was again the most highly favoured, receiving, as it did £376 3s, while the Boys' School had £216 6s. These are proofs, however, of the spirit in which the country of the Potteries does its work, while there is little doubt the late Earl of Shaftesbury and Talbot must have exercised a strong influence for good, an influence which, to judge from appearances, would seem to have survived him. Suffolk, twenty Lodges, has three representatives, the total of its contributions being the very respectable sum of £136 19s. Last year it gave the Benevolent £100 8s, one list being outstanding, the Girls' School £91 7s, and the Boys' School £99 15s. In 1879, its lists at the Benevolent totalled up £94 2s, at the Girls', by one Steward, it gave £63, and at the Boys', with Lord Henniker acting for it, its contribution was £112 7s. These together make up £697 18s, or as nearly as possible an average of £100 each for those seven Festivals. Well done, Suffolk, say we. We shall hope to see you repeat your kindly performance at the remaining Festivals of the year. Surrey, with two of its twenty-two Lodges represented has £56 18s standing to its credit, which is somewhat less than it gave this time last year, when two of the three Stewards between them made up a total of £69 5s. The Girls', in April last, were favoured only to the extent of £24 3s, but the Boys' School experienced a better fate, the five Surrey Stewards raising among them £123 18s. In February 1879, the Benevolent received £164 11s, the Girls' £48 6s, and the Boys' £97 2s 6d, while the year antecedent the Benevolent received £164 11s, the Girls' £48 6s, and the Boys' £97 2s 6d, while the year preceding, the Benevolent, Girls'; and Boys' received £66 18s, £42 10s, and £205 16s respectively. We take the figures as evidence of the favour with which our Institutions are looked upon in the Province which has General Brownrigg, C.B., for its chief. Sussex, with its twenty-four Lodges, has two represented; the Derwent, No. 40, of Hastings; and the Royal Clarence, No. 271, Brighton. The former list is £31, and the latter £141 1s, making together £175 1s, a most useful contribution, and the more creditable that last year at the Benevolent it contributed £600 by the hands of Bro. J. H. Scott, its D.P.G.M., and also found support for our little damsels to the extent of £130 4s, the St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 1842, only founded in 1879, having the credit of this achievement, and our Boys' to that of £84. We will just add as further exemplifying the regularity of its contributions, that in 1879 it raised £126 for the Benevolent, £231 1s for the Girls', and £128 1s for the Boys', while in 1878 it found for the Benevolent £84 10s, £29 8s for the Girls', and £118 13s for the sister School. Sir W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., must be proud of the Province he rules so well. Warwickshire, with thirty Lodges, has only £31 12s at present to its credit, the total of two lists, and there is a third yet to be handed in. Last year it gave the Benevolent £21, with a list to follow, the Girls' £129 3s, and the Boys' £162 10s. In 1879 one brother did duty for it, and took up a list of £38 17s at the Benevolent Festival; £380 2s was the sum total of the subscriptions sent in from the eight Lodges represented by eleven Stewards at that of the Girls' School, while one representative gave in a list of £147 10s at the Boys' Festival. At the Girls' Festival in 1878, one of its Lodges, the Athol, No. 74, of Birmingham, contributed by the hands of sixteen Stewards, the sum of £207 18s, while five Stewards, acting for four Lodges, gave £215 15s 6d to the Boys' School. Its great success, however, was at the Boys' Festival in 1876, when its head, Lord Leigh, presided; there were eighty-two Stewards, and among them they made up the grand total of £2000. Only two other Provinces remain, save the one which we reserve for separate consideration as being that with which the Chairman of the day is connected. These are North and East Yorkshire and Jersey. The former sends £52 10s, three-fifths of the sum being on the list of the Very Rev. Purey-Cust, Dean of York and Grand Chaplain of England. But at the Benevolent Festival last year, when its honoured Prov. Grand Master took the chair, it came forward and loyally supported him to the extent of £855 4s, which must be taken as an eminently satisfactory contribution from a Province with twenty-seven Lodges. The Earl of Zetland headed the array with £105, and his Deputy Bro. J. P. Bell, M.D., took up a list of £325 13s. It found also a useful £70 7s for the Girls' School, and a Fifty Guinea contribution to the Boys'. We take all the greater pleasure in noting this because two or three years ago we considered we should be doing the Province a service if we pointed out that its support of its Institutions should be somewhat commensurate with its reputation. It is gratifying to learn that such advice has since been acted upon. As regards Jersey, its contribution of £214 10s, all of which, with the exception of £21 standing to the credit of Major du Jardin of Yarborough Lodge, No. 244, Jersey, has been raised in the Province by Bro. John Le Cronier, is most useful, and all the more gratifying because we do not look, as a rule, for support from a Province which is so remote from the centre of English Freemasonry.

It only remains for us to offer a few words of congratulation to West Yorkshire on the loyalty with which it supported Sir Henry Edwards. The last Grand Lodge Calendar assigns to this Province sixty-six Lodges, so that in respect of mere numerical strength it stands third on the list of Provinces, East Lancashire, with ninety-one Lodges, and West Lancashire, with eighty-one Lodges, being first and second respectively. Its Grand Master, Sir Henry Edwards, has once already occupied the chair at a similar Festival—namely, at that of the Girls' School—when thirty-six brethren supported him, and the total of their joint labours was £707 16s. On the present occasion its contingent of representatives has been variously stated as 165 and 176, but whichever it may have been, it is by far the largest body of Stewards that has ever represented either the Metropolis or a Province. The total of the contributions is £3560, the personal donation of the Chairman being fifty guineas. There is no need for us to say aught by way of praise of West Yorkshire. It has done its duty nobly. We may, however, give the following table of its contributions to our several Charities since the 1st January 1875—that is, since the date when the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE was established. This table is as follows:—

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Year	No. of Stewards	Amount. £	s	d	No. of Stewards	Amount. £	s	d	No. of Stewards	Amount. £	s	d
1875	16	242	10	0	*	580	17	0	29	815	1	0
1876	26	550	0	0	37	707	16	0	12	339	3	0
1877	30	550	0	0	46	840	0	0	11	766	10	0
1878	39	603	5	0	24	900	0	0	22	525	0	0
1879	18	550	0	0	22	420	0	0	22	400	0	0
1880	18	371	0	0	45	800	0	0	28	450	0	0
1881	657	3560	0	0								
		£6426	15	0		£4248	13	0		£3295	14	0

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We have now completed our task, and we shall content ourselves with repeating the expression of our hope that the Festivals of the two Schools will be as successful as has been that of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

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We have to thank Bro. H. T. Lamb, the well-known Masonic Jeweller, of 5 St. John's-square, Clerkenwell, E.C., for kindly forwarding to us a copy of his price list for the current year. We have more than once had occasion to speak in terms of well-merited eulogy of the excellence, both as regards quality of material and artistic design, of the jewellery which finds its way into our Lodges from the establishment of Bro. Lamb. This price list, besides being quite a work of art in itself, is a complete summary of the class of work, &c., &c., which he is prepared to supply, and is illustrated to the extent of considerably over a hundred different engravings of the jewels he has, in the course of upwards of thirty years, supplied to meet the ordinary and special requirements of Lodges and brethren. As to the well-vouched for testimonials to the merit of Bro. Lamb's jewellery, which are scattered broadcast throughout the pages of the list, their number is legion. We strongly advise those of our friends who may be on the point of purchasing Masonic regalia or Lodge furniture to visit this well-known establishment in St. John's-square.

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STATEMENT OF PROVINCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE R.M.B.I. 1875-81.

WE have been at the pains of compiling a table of the contributions to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution of our several Provinces, and districts which cannot boast of a Provincial organisation, during the septennial period from 1875 to 1881, both inclusive. We have done so, because we have, in spite of whatever is now and again said to the contrary, an abiding faith in the impressive eloquence of plain figures. A statement such as we this day present to our readers shows clearly and unmistakably what this or that Province or district has or has not done towards fostering the Institution for Aged and Decayed Masons and their Widows. No amount of modesty on the part of any brother belonging to a largely contributing, and therefore distinguished, Province will, in the face of the information this statement furnishes, be able to interpose between the Craft generally, and its just appreciation of the active sympathy exhibited by such Province. Not even the most enthusiastic expression of "good intentions" will be capable of explaining away the indifference with which the active support of the R.M.B.I., during these seven years has been regarded by a few Provinces or districts. There is, however, one important qualification which it would be the height of injustice on our part to pass unnoticed. There are a very few Provinces—and the words "a very few" are pleasant to the ear of the genuine Mason—which habitually ignore altogether the claims of our Institutions to their support. There are those which habitually distribute their golden guineas with an impartial hand among all of them; while there are others which, whether by accident or intention, view one or other of the three with greater favour. Hence, in this statement, some Provinces will be found to shine to greater, and some to less, advantage, as compared with the remainder, than is their due. Warwickshire and Worcestershire are cases in point; and when, in the order of things, similar tables are published for our Schools, it will be found that their sympathies with those Charities is most cordial in fact as well as in intention.

The figures are taken from the official lists furnished by the Secretary of the R.M.B.I. the morrow of each Festival, and are the same, therefore, as we have dealt with in our analyses. It may be further interesting to give the names of the distinguished brethren who have presided at the Festivals thus grouped together. These are as follow, viz.:—1875, the late Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot P.G.M. Staffordshire; 1876, the Earl of Lathom (then Lord Skelmersdale) D.G.M. and P.G.M. W. Lancashire; 1877, the late Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot P.G.M. Staffordshire—who, when at the last moment it was announced that H.R.H. Prince Leopold P.G.M. Oxfordshire, was prevented, by the state of his health, from taking the chair, loyally placed his services at the disposal of the Institution; 1878, the Duke of Manchester P.G.M. Northamptonshire and Hunts; 1879, Lieut. Col. N. Le Gendre Starkie P.G.M. East Lancashire; 1880, the Earl of Zetland P.G.M. N. and E. Yorkshire; 1881, Sir Henry Edwards, Bart. P.G.M. W. Yorkshire.

We will just state that the total of over £39,000 gives the splendid average per Festival of rather more than £5570.

	1875	1876	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	Total
	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
Beds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Berks and Bucks	122 13 0	...	173 19 6	157 9 0	326 7 6	215 3 6	207 19 6	1203 12 0
Bristol	53 0 0	...	161 8 0	134 15 0	15 15 0	...	54 2 0	419 0 0
Cambridgeshire	25 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	25 0 0
Cheshire	120 0 0	47 7 0	139 3 0	172 2 0	...	69 1 0	243 12 0	791 5 0
Cornwall	15 0 0	...	...	570 0 0	...	63 0 0	10 10 0	658 10 0
Cumberland and Westmoreland	...	...	63 0 0	...	63 2 0	...	...	126 2 0
Derbyshire	10 0 0	...	10 0 0	170 0 0	23 8 6	132 3 0	110 16 0	456 7 6
Devonshire	38 18 0	122 10 0	596 0 6	110 0 0	...	191 13 0	63 0 0	1122 1 6
Dorsetshire	...	222 0 0	305 0 0	150 0 0	101 1 0	230 15 0	45 4 0	1054 0 0
Durham	...	...	...	...	...	...	174 0 6	174 0 6
Essex	...	42 10 0	113 13 0	88 16 0	11 0 0	89 13 6	57 19 0	403 11 6
Gloucestershire	...	...	28 7 0	118 0 0	148 12 0	88 8 0	263 11 0	646 18 0
Hants and I. of Wight	162 18 0	285 11 6	171 5 0	70 7 6	187 8 6	100 12 0	297 13 0	1275 15 6
Herefordshire	...	65 5 0	...	...	...	...	...	65 5 0
Herts	217 12 0	102 11 0	176 8 6	645 11 6	144 1 0	218 8 6	456 0 0	1960 12 6
Kent	305 2 0	465 19 0	478 3 0	270 15 0	432 4 0	236 9 0	358 14 6	2547 6 6
Lancaster, E.	59 1 0	15 0 0	340 5 0	30 0 0	3542 0 0	56 5 0	136 10 0	4179 1 0
" W.	9 13 6	1508 10 0	131 17 6	330 3 0	36 18 0	157 10 0	257 5 0	2431 17 0
Leicestershire and Rutland	...	109 16 0	15 8 0	...	125 14 0	...	...	250 18 0
Lincolnshire	573 0 0	6 10 0	35 0 0	...	68 14 6	...	...	683 4 6
Middlesex	166 7 0	223 2 0	329 5 0	201 14 6	440 7 0	356 6 0	346 3 6	2063 5 0
Monmouthshire	...	...	210 0 0	...	136 10 0	46 15 0	52 10 0	445 15 0
Norfolk	32 5 0	26 16 0	82 17 0	...	306 12 0	...	...	448 10 0
North Wales and Salop	...	...	...	...	...	10 10 0	10 10 0	21 0 0
Northamptonshire and Hunts	15 5 0	121 0 0	...	300 0 0	50 0 0	115 10 0	191 7 0	793 2 0
Northumberland	37 8 6	112 10 0	...	...	...	...	...	149 18 6
Nottinghamshire	...	...	...	20 0 0	21 15 0	...	...	41 15 0
Oxfordshire	70 6 0	87 10 0	279 13 0	47 10 0	41 18 0	231 18 6	108 14 0	867 9 6
Somersetshire	21 11 0	66 6 0	253 14 0	85 18 0	38 17 0	...	58 17 0	525 3 0
South Wales, East Div.	...	250 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	250 0 0
" West Div.	...	...	...	...	225 0 0	10 10 0	...	235 10 0
Staffordshire	271 5 0	...	145 0 0	156 7 0	...	...	178 10 0	751 2 0
Suffolk	60 0 0	77 0 0	111 14 0	94 2 0	171 2 0	100 8 0	136 19 0	751 5 0
Surrey	27 0 6	37 15 0	111 0 6	66 18 0	164 11 0	69 5 0	56 18 0	533 8 0
Sussex	...	106 0 0	158 13 0	84 10 0	126 0 0	600 0 0	175 1 0	1250 4 0
Warwickshire	70 0 0	...	467 5 6	...	38 17 0	21 0 0	31 12 0	628 14 6
Wilts	79 14 0	201 6 6	273 1 0	164 11 0	237 10 0	15 15 0	...	971 17 6
Worcestershire	...	...	...	...	42 0 0	...	...	42 0 0
Yorkshire (N. and E.)	...	46 0 0	39 5 0	31 10 0	72 6 0	855 4 0	31 12 0	1075 17 0
" (W.)	242 10 0	550 0 0	550 0 0	603 5 0	550 0 0	371 0 0	3560 0 0	6426 15 0
Channel Islands	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jersey	...	...	...	...	...	57 15 0	241 10 0	299 5 0
Isle of Man	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	2805 9 6	4898 15 0	5950 6 0	4874 4 6	7889 11 0	4710 18 0	7917 0 0	

GRAND TOTAL — £39,046 4s 0d.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—At the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, on Tuesday, 8th instant. Present—Comps. Bloomfield Z., J. Payne H., Dottridge J., Brasted S.N., Fraser P.S. and a very large number of Companions. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, with Comp. Sayer as candidate. The work was admirably performed, and elicited warm commendations from those present. Comps. A. Pocock, Chap. 1194, and L. Steingraber, Chap. 22, were elected members. The election of Officers for the ensuing fortnight then took place, and resulted as follows:—S. Ponncehy Z., Lardner H., Dottridge J., Maidwell S.N., Sayer P.S. Comp. Wm. Stephens P.Z. 862, 874, 1365, 1489, &c., will rehearse the ceremony of installation of Principals on Tuesday next, business to commence at six o'clock. It is anticipated a very large number of Installed Principals will be present to support our esteemed Companion. The ceremony of exaltation will afterwards be rehearsed, at seven o'clock. The Chapter of Improvement was closed, and the convocation adjourned until Tuesday, 15th inst. Companions who are working for the respective chairs in the Royal Arch should avail themselves of this opportunity; Comp. Stephens's ability has been fully recognised, and the Companions at this Chapter of Improvement always give a cordial greeting to any Visitors. Comp. F. Brown ably fulfils the duties of Scribe E. and Preceptor.

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COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. S. Rosenthal (in the chair), Rev. A. F. A. Woolford, S. Rawson, Richard Morris Head Master, Arthur E. Gladwell, W. H. Perryman, A. J. Duff-Filer, C. F. Matier, Alfred Williams, Donald M. Dewar, E. S. Phillips, H. Massey, W. Roebuck, George J. Palmer, W. H. Saunders, F. Adlard, H. Young, W. Paas, John Mason, and F. Binckes Secretary. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, two petitions were examined and the candidates placed on the list for the election in October. An outfit of £5 was granted to a former pupil of the Institution, now in a situation. Bro. C. F. Matier gave notice of motion for altering Law 55 of the Institution by making it necessary that a candidate's father should have been a subscribing member to a Lodge for three years. Bro. Duff-Filer also gave notice of motion for increasing the maximum sum to be given to exceptionally deserving pupils for their advancement in life on leaving the Institution, from £20 to £40. The Committee then adjourned.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday afternoon, when there were present Bros. Col. J. Creaton V.P. (in the chair), A. H. Tattershall, Raynham W. Stewart, J. H. Matthews, W. Stephens, W. Clarke, George Bolton, John Bulmer, John G. Stevens, Charles John Perceval, Charles H. Webb, Charles G. Hill, C. A. Cottebrune J. M. Case, Edgar Bowyer, C. G. Dilley, Louis Stean, Charles Atkins, Thomas Cubitt, and James Terry Secretary. The minutes of the 9th of February were read and verified. The death of one annuitant, Mrs. Mary A. Thistleton, who had received £385, and Mrs. Isherwood, an approved candidate, were reported by the Secretary, who also reported that the Annual Festival was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., Sir H. Edwards, Bart., presiding; that the amount announced was £14,160 13s, with several lists to come in, but that the sum had now reached £14,380, with two lists outstanding. The Warden's Report for the past month was read. The Secretary also reported that the result of the appeal against the increased assessment of the building at Croydon was successful. The Chairman was authorised to sign several cheques. A letter was read from Bro. Curteis, of Stonehouse, Devon, which, after some consideration, was deferred till next meeting. The visit of the Stewards of the late Festival was left in the hands of the House Committee to make the necessary arrangements. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart gave notice of motion to increase the accommodation at the Institution in the centre building, after which a vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman, and the Committee adjourned.

Since writing our analysis, we have heard from Bro. Terry, and experience great pleasure in announcing, that although there are still two lists outstanding, the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on the 23rd ult. has yielded a total of £14,380.

We have been favoured with a communication from Bro. Henry Smith, who is Prov. G. Secretary W. Yorkshire and Chairman of its Charity Organisation Committee, in which, after stating that his Province had sent up 165 Stewards, who raised among them £3560, he draws attention to the great additional outlay incurred by those brethren in respect of the Festival itself. We must point out, however, in the first place, that such outlay is incurred by the Stewards in defraying the cost of the banquet, concert, &c., and in the second place we have never taken the Stewards' Fees into account. We should as soon think of including the travelling and hotel expenses of Provincial brethren who visit London in order to be present at the Festival in their capacity of Stewards. We congratulate Bro. Smith on the success of an Anniversary in which his Province has played so prominent a part, but it is hardly necessary we should go out of the way to gild the refined gold of W. Yorkshire.

We advise those of our readers who may be desirous of seeing a scholarly interpretation of Hamlet, to take the opportunity which is now afforded them, and will be open till the 18th instant, of visiting Sadlers Wells Theatre, to witness Mr. Hermann Vezin's assumption of this character. We feel sure they will be highly gratified, as we can personally testify to its being one of the ablest of the able performances we have been privileged to witness. Moreover, Mr. Vezin is fairly well supported by the company, and in particular by Miss Carlisle, who gave an admirable rendering of Ophelia. We must repeat that Hamlet will not be played after the 18th instant, arrangements having been made for the production, on the 19th, of "Mary Warner."

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

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A MASONIC PANTOMIME.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Since I sent you Curwen's account of a Masonic Pantomime, I learned from Bro. John Barker, Publisher, at New York, that Bro. Nickerson, at Boston, had recently purchased some pamphlets, among which was a Masonic Pantomime. On my return to Boston, after reminding friend Nickerson as to where, when, and of whom he obtained the pamphlets; search was made, and, in short, here is a copy thereof—title-page, songs, recitations, choruses, and the order of the Procession. I have, however, omitted the explanations which follow each paragraph in the order of procession. These explanations are taken from Anderson and Preston, to show the connection of the great personages in the procession with Masonry; for instance, how Queen Elizabeth ordered the Lodge or G.L. at York to be broken up; how, where, and when Charles II., William III., &c., &c., were made Masons, and, for obvious reasons, these explanations are omitted.

I shall only add that G. Kearsly, the publisher of the Pantomime, had published a Freemasons' Constitution in 1769 (then in Ludgate-street).

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Songs, Duettos, Glees, Catches, etc.
With an explanation of the procession in the Pantomime of HARLEQUIN FREE-MASON —As performed at the Theatre Royal, in Covent Garden.—A new edition, with additions.
London:
Printed for G. Kearsly. Fleet Street. MDCCLXXXI.

AIR I.—MASONS' GLEE.

Behold the model of our art.
Work on whatever plan,
Masons must borrow still some part
From that great structure Man.
Here, well to captivate the sight,
The Orders all agree;
Proportion, strength, and force unite,
With ease and symmetry.
But, see, the sun rides down the west,
A hark, our sign from work to rest.

RECIT.—*Hiram Abiff.*

Lo, from amidst those sacred glades,
Where rest grand heroes, statesmen, kings,
And other Antient Masons' shades,
The ghost of Hiram Abiff springs.
Chief of Masons' noble art,
While of a Master they make choice,
Shall I not take an active part,
And loudly join my brethren's voice?
Fall, mystic figure—to our eyes
Present a motley child of mirth:
Whose featly pranks shall all surprise,
And give to vacant laughter birth.
Move, kneel, stoop, stand, spring, dance, leap, run;
Now, mark me, for the charm is done.

AIR.

In all your dealings take good care,
Instructed by the friendly square,
To be true, upright, just, and fair,
And then a fellow-craft shall be.
The level so must poise thy mind,
That satisfaction thou shalt find,
When to another Fortune's kind,
And that's the drift of Masonry.

II.

The compass t'other two compounds,
And says, though angered on just grounds,
Keep all your passions within bounds,
And then a fellow-craft shall be.
Thus, symbols of our Order are
The compass, level, and the square,
Which teach us to be just and fair,
And that's the drift of Masonry.

RECIT

Use this and this, in ev'ry hour,
And thou shalt wonder at their power,
Thou'lt see me yet ere it be night,
Be gone, and revel in delight.

AIR III.—*Master Mason.*

The Sun's a Free-mason, he works all day,
Village, city and town to adorn,
Then from labour at rest
At his lodge in the West,
Takes with good Brother Neptune a glass on his way.

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Thence, ripe for the fair,
He flies all care,
To Dame Thetis' charms,
Till roused from her arms,
By the morn.

CHORUS.

So do we, our labour done,
First the glass,
And then the lass;
And then,
Sweet slumbers give fresh force,
To run our course;
Thus with the rising sun.

II.

The course of the sun all our mysteries defines;
First Masonry rose in the East,
Then to no point confin'd,
His rays cheer mankind;
Besides, who'll deny that he well knows the signs.
The Grand Master he,
Then of Masons shall be,
Nor shall aught the Craft harm
Till to shine and warm
He has ceas'd.

CHORUS.

Then, like him, our labour be done, &c.

AIR IV.—*In the Temple of Bacchus.*

At a jovial meeting of the Gods once, on high,
Ere Bacchus was hatched from Jupiter's thigh,
This one told his story, and that one sung his song,
And did what he could, lest the time should seem long,
Apollo read verses, the Graces wreath'd flowers,
The Muses of Harmony sung for the powers;
Bully Mars cracked his joke, and Momus his jest,
Yet their mirth wanted something to give it a zest.

II.

Says Jove, our assembly to-day's pretty full,
Yet I don't know how 'tis, we're horridly dull.
We have all the ingredients that mirth should inspire,
But some clay-born alloy damps our heav'nly fire.
I have it—in this I'll a mixture enclose,
Of all the delights whence good fellowship flows,
And we'll taste of its produce, for mirth's bad at best,
When there's anything wanting to give it a zest.

III.

So saying, so doing, he buried his shrine,
Which quickly sprang up in the form of a vine,
The leaves broad and verdant, the fruit deepest blue,
Whence a juice flow'd, that health, love of youth, might renew;
It's influence to feel, they came round it in swarms,
Mars took a draft of courage and Venus drank charms,
Momus swallow'd bon mots, Cupid love—so the rest,
While Jove spurning nectar, cry'd—This is the zest.

SONG.—*Coachman.*

Here I was, my good masters; my name's Teddy Clinch,
My cattle are sound, and I drive to an inch.
From Hyde-park to White-chapel I well know the town,
And many's the time I've took up and set down;
In short, in the bills, I'll be bound for't, there's not
A young youth who like Teddy can trip the long trot.

II.

Oh, the notions of life that I see from my box,
While fares of all kinds come about me in flocks;
The sot, who I drive home to sleep out the day,
The kind one, who plies for a fare at the play:
Or your gents of the law, there, who, four in a lot,
To Westminster-hall I oft trip the long trot.

III.

My coach receives all, like the gallows and sea,
So I touch but my fare, you know, all's one to me,
The men of the gown and the men of the sword,
A mariner or gambler, a rogue or a lord,
To wherever you're going, I well know the spot.
And do you tip a tizzy, I'll trip the long trot.

DUETTO.—*Skaters.*

This bleak and frosty morning,
All thought of danger scorning,
Our spirits briskly flow,
We're all in a glow,
Thro' the sparkling snow,
While skating we go,
With a fa, la, la, la,
To the sound of the merry horn.
From right to left we are plying,
Swifter than the winds we're flying,
Spheres and spheres surrounding,
Health and strength abounding.
In circles we sleep,
Our poise still we keep,
Behold how we sweep
The face of the deep.
With a fa, la, la, la,
To the sound of the merry horn.

II.

Great Jove looks on us, smiling,
Who thus the time beguiling,
Where the waters be seal,
Still rove on our keel,
Our weapons are steel,
And no danger we feel.
With a fa, la, la, la.
See our train advances,
See how each skater lances,
Health and strength abounding,
While horns and oboes sounding,
The Tritons shall blow,
Their conch-shells below,
And their beards fear to show,
While a-skating we go,
With a fa, la, la, la,
To the sound of the merry horn.

CATCH.—*Lawyers.*

Lawyer Brief, why all this stir?
Upon my word you wrong me, Sir;
I am not (as you say) a thief,
In truth, you wrong me, lawyer Brief.
Who was it took a double fee?
Who rapp'd? Who put in a sham plea?
Who should be pilloried? Who's a thief?
Who should be hanged? Cheat, Lawyer Brief!
Come, be friends, nor make this rout,
Brothers as we are, to fall out,
Besides, thief should not cry out thief;
You understand me, Lawyer Brief.

RECIT.—*Hiram Abiff.*

Thy perils are all past, thy toils are o'er,
Nor ever shall hard fortune vex thee more.
Leave me thy jarring foes to reconcile,
And follow where, in wonder lost the while,
The Masons' noble science you shall see
In all the pomp and pride of pageantry,
Where brothers, gracing Hiram's memory,
Upon the ancient stock a scion graft,
Choosing a master to the Royal Craft.

AIR.

Hail Masonry, thou Craft divine;
Glory on earth from heaven reveal'd,
Which does with jewels precious shine,
To all but Masons' eyes conceal'd.
As men from brutes distinguished are,
A Mason other men excels;
For what's in knowledge choice or rare,
But in his breast securely dwells?
His silent breast, and faithful heart,
Preserve the secrets of our art.

II.

From scorching heat and piercing cold,
From beasts whose roar the forest rends,
From assault of warriors bold,
The Mason's art mankind defends.
Ensigns of State that feed our pride,
Distinctions troublesome and vain,
By Masons true are laid aside;
Art's free-born sons such toys disdain;
Ennobled by the name they bear,
Distinguished by the badge they wear!

III.

Sweet fellowship! from envy free.
Friendly converse of brotherhood,
The Lodge's lasting cement be,
Which has for ages firmly stood.
Be justice done in every lay;
Those who have enriched the art,
Down to the Master of this day,
Let each Brother bear a part;
Let noble Masons' health go round;
Their praise in lofty Lodge resound!

CHORUS.—*In the Procession.*

Your cymbals tune, your voices raise,
Sing the name,
And mighty fame,
Of *Solomon* in ever-living song!
He our Grand Master shall remain,
While lofty pile, and holy fane,
Vestige, or monument of taste,
Of glorious Masonry shall last.

RECIT.—*Hiram.*

I am come to crave admittance for
A Brother and a Visitor;
One from his duty never swerving,
Who will prove faithful and deserving;
And who would fain, the brethren greeting,
Be present at the general meeting.

CHORUS.—*The last.*

Fill a capacious bowl,
While we proclaim,
The Mason's fame,

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Which ever shall extend
From East to West, from Pole to Pole,
In spite of every poison'd shaft.
Let cowans what they will pretend,
Let three times three
The signal of our plaudits be,
While we toast to the King and the Craft.

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

1st Banner, Enoch, Two men bearing Pillars.
2nd Banner, Nimrod, Four Hunters, Two men bearing the Tower of Babel.
3rd Banner, Mizraim, Two attendants, Two carrying the Pyramid.
4th Banner, Six soldiers, Four trumpeters, Six singers, Ditto 4 boys, High Priest's Throne, with Solomon: on one side Hiram Abiff, the other, Hiram of Tyre.
5th Banner, Queen of Sheba, Four Egyptian virgins bearing vases, Four men bearing the Temple.
6th Banner, Darius Hystaspes, Zoroaster, Two bearing the Temple of the Sun.
7th Banner, Augustus Cæsar, Agrippa, Two Soldiers, Two bearing the Pantheon.
8th Banner, A Soldier bound who fired the Temple, Two Guards, Two bearing the Temple on fire.
9th Banner, Constantine, Two Roman Senators, Four carrying the Triumphal Arch.
10th Banner, William the Conqueror, Britannia, Gundulph, De Montgomery, Two bearing the Tower of London.
11th Banner, Edward III., Black Prince, King John of France, and his son Philip, in Chains, Lord Audley, bearing Windsor Castle.
12th Banner, Elizabeth, Essex, Sir Walter Raleigh, Four Master Masons with aprons.
13th Banner, Pope Julius II., Michael Angelo, Pramante, Raphael, Jocunde, San Gallo, Two bearing St. Peter's.
14th Banner, James 1st, Inigo Jones, Two bearing Whitehall, Guy Faux, Sir Thomas Pervit, A Nobleman.
15th Banner, Charles 2nd, Sir William Davenant, Killiegrew, General Monk, Dutch Captain, Four Dutch Sailors, Lord Mayor, Two bearing the Monument.
16th Banner, William 3rd, Queen Mary, Two to carry the Obelisk.
17th Banner, Sir Christopher Wren, Two Noblemen, Two bearing St. Paul's.
18th Banner, Two bearing Insignia, Six Knights Templars.
19th Banner, Royal Arch, Six Gentlemen Masons, Two bearing the Pageant.
20th Banner, Modern Masons, A Pillar, Four Stewards with Wands, Grand Marshal with Truncheon, Secretary with cross Pens, Grand Treasurer with Keys, Six Fellow-crafts drawing the Throne.

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A YOUTHFUL, BUT AMBITIOUS AUTHORITY ON THE CONDUCT OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read with some interest the remarks of your correspondents on this subject, and I quite agree with OLD SCHOOL in the explanation he suggests, namely, that in offering opinions on what they do not understand, young Masons do but observe the practice of the average young men of the day. I was intensely amused on one occasion when, through no fault of my own, I was made the ear-witness of the following absurdity enunciated at an ordinary Lodge meeting at which I happened to be present as a visitor. A brother who, though not young in point of age, had evidently not arrived at years of Masonic discretion, was giving his reasons for not continuing his subscription to one or other of the two recognised organs of the Craft in England, and he did so in the following terms: "In the first place," said he, "I take no interest in Masonic journalism; in the second, I have never opened a single copy of the Masonic paper you refer to; and, in the third, I do not like the character of its articles." This, thought I to myself, is passing judgment with a vengeance. A brother proclaims that he dislikes the tone of the articles in a certain Masonic journal, when, according to his own showing, he has never taken the trouble to read them.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

ANOTHER VETERAN M.M.

THE LATE DR. MARGOLIOUTH.

THE news of the sudden death of Dr. Margoliouth, M.A., LL.D., Ph.D., vicar of Little Linford, which took place in London at five o'clock on Friday evening, 25th February, where he had gone on the Monday previous to prosecute his literary labours, and his missionary work among the higher classes of the Jews, was received by the inhabitants of the town of Little Linford and neighbourhood with mingled feelings of sorrow and regret, for although the Rev. Dr. had been but a few years a resident at Little Linford, his pleasant and affable manner had won him many friends. Not only, however, will his loss be felt here, but he will be missed universally, for the country must regret to lose a man of such large talents. On Monday, 21st February, he left Little Linford for London, and on arrival there took up his residence at Nelson's Hotel, Great Portland-street. On the following evening, after an arduous day's study, he was taken ill. At first his illness was not thought to be of a serious nature, but the symptoms gradually increased in intensity, and on Friday evening a clever, noble, and generous man sank to his rest, at the age of 60.

Dr. Margoliouth was born in 1820, of Jewish parents, embraced Christianity in 1838, studied at Trinity College, Dublin, and was admitted to Holy Orders in 1844. He was afterwards appointed successively curate of St. Augustine's, Liverpool, vicar of Glasnevin, and examining chaplain to the Bishop of Kildare (all in one year by especial episcopal favour), and later, he was appointed assistant minister of St. Paul's, Haggerstone, and afterwards at St. Paul's, Onslow-square; here he remained till 1877, when he was instituted to the vicarage of Little Linford, where, as everywhere, he gained the love and esteem of all who knew him. He spent all the energies of his life in promoting the spiritual welfare of his own people. He had especial access to the highly educated Jewish families, and the blessing of God rested on his work. On his extensive travels, especially in the East, the leading idea of his life never left him. He was constantly endeavouring to spread the Gospel of Christ and to shed light on difficult passages. It may truly be said of him that "His heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel was that they might be saved." He was a voluminous writer. Among his principal works may be mentioned "The Fundamental Principles of Modern Judaism investigated" (the work of his undergraduate days), "The Pilgrimage to the Land of my Fathers," "Exposition of Isaiah liii.," "History of the Jews in Great Britain," "Essays on the Poetry of the Hebrew Pentateuch," and "A series of six essays on the Lord's Prayer." A work entitled "Some Triumph and Trophies of the Light of the Lord and the World," was passing through the press when he died. The deceased was also editor of *The Hebrew Christian Witness*, a work of incalculable helpfulness in bringing the great truths of Christianity before the unconverted of his own race, which we hope one day will be revived. He was an accomplished scholar, a learned orientalist, and an indefatigable worker and searcher of truth. His memory will long live in the hearts of many, and his works will be a source of information and guide in religious truth to earnest students of the Holy Scriptures.—*Croydon's Weekly Standard.*

EXHIBITION OF DOMESTIC LABOUR-SAVING MACHINERY.

ON Monday, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, was opened what must certainly be described as a novelty in the way of exhibitions, and, as it will remain open till this day week, we think our readers will be interested if they visit the Hall. They will there see collected together every variety of implement in every-day domestic use. There will be found the latest and most approved inventions in sewing machines, washing machines, knife-cleaners, heating and cooking stoves, and in every imaginable kind of domestic appliance. There are likewise included many displays of articles in constant use among all classes of householders, such, for instance, as the mats, baskets, &c., which are the handiwork of blind operatives—this particular collection being placed in the centre of the building. There are, too, others which find favour with residents in suburban districts, such as lawn-mowers and tents, together with bicycles for the athlete, and carriages, and, above all, billiard tables for the wealthy. One stall, in particular, attracted our attention, that of Bro. Edwards, of the Kingsland-road, who, by the way, is on the eve of moving into larger and more commodious premises in the same neighbourhood, so rapid has been the increase in his business during the last few years. Bro. Edwards exhibits three well-made billiard tables, besides bagatelle and other tables and apparatus of a cognate character. All these, with the balls, cues, &c., &c., are a credit to the establishment by which they are manufactured. Our attention was especially attracted by an oak cabinet, so constructed as to support a Roller Marking Board for Billiards, and a Pool Marking Board for twelve players, having slate in centre, and a pool money till with glass front; while at the same time in the drawers, &c., &c., is provided ample accommodation for wines, cigars, &c., &c. This cabinet combines most admirably the useful with the ornamental, and no better specimen of Bro. Edwards' manufacture could, we think, have been shown. We were also much pleased with the group of pianos sent by Mr. Justin Browne, of 237 and 239 Euston Road. They were handsome in appearance, and the tone left nothing to be desired. Moreover, they have the further advantage of being comparatively modest in price.

MASONIC GRIPS.—A brother who does a good deal of travelling, and likes to "get acquainted as he goes," says there are six kinds of Masonic Grips, and he has felt them all. He classifies them in this way: 1. The pendulum shake, where the parties move their locked hands right and left, illustrating the jewel of the Senior Warden. 2. The pump-handle shake, where the motion assimilates to the emblem of the Junior Warden. Now if a Mason who is accustomed to number one grapples with the Mason who has been used to number 2, there will be trouble, sure. 3. The tourniquet shake, where you squeeze the hand until a pleasant sound of cracking follows, that denotes a weakness in the ossification of your opponent. 4. The melancholy shake, which is a pensive, tranquil motion, suggesting liver complaint and dyspepsia. 5. The effeminate shake, which only reaches to the fingers, sometimes only to the forefinger, and makes you think of your maiden aunt. There are also the anvil shake, the grip royal, the malicious shake, &c., but the best of all is, 6. The cordial shake, which is a hearty agitation of hands, accompanied by kindly greetings, and a certain thrill, affecting most pleasantly all the nerves, even the heart.—*Masonic Review.*

MOHAWK MINSTRELS.—Thursday next, the 17th instant, being St. Patrick's Day, the Mohawk Minstrels announce a special programme for the occasion, Irish songs and ballads, both comic and sentimental, of necessity receiving the greatest share of attention.

ROYAL POLYTECHNIC.—The Photophone, explained and illustrated by experiments. The Great Lightning Inductorium: an Astronomical Lecture, illustrated by Dissolving views and Effects, &c., by Mr. J. L. King. Musical Sketches, by Mr Eric Lewis. Magical Art, by Prof. R. Heller. Costume Recitals, by Madame Katherine Hickson. Electric Railway. Leotard and Blondin, the Wonderful Automata. Diving Bell, &c. Admission to the whole, 1s. Open from 12 till 5, and from 7 till 10.

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LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

THE regular meeting of the above excellent working Lodge was held on Monday, the 7th instant, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, and was numerously attended by the brethren and visitors, amongst the latter being Bros. C.E. Willing P.G.O., Macaulay, G. Gurton P.M. 172, Argent, G. Fletcher S.W. 180, W. J. Murlis P.M. 1642, J. J. Deacon 1382, H. Sanders W.M. 1471, W. Lyon 185, D. Baker 1246, Frank Elmore No. 12, C. A. White 1777. Lodge was opened by Bros. R. Baker W.M., L. M. Myers S.W., J. Benjamin J.D., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., J. S. Lyon Treasurer, Blanks S.D., N. Baum J.D., J. Davis I.G., G. Bean D.C., P. E. Van Noorden Organist, A. Dodson P.M. W.S.; P.M.'s L. Lazarus, L. Alexander, S. Hickman, H. M. Levy, A. Dodson, H. Hymans, O. Roberts, and J. Abrahams. After the minutes had been confirmed, ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Henry Lion and Samson Lyon, who were duly initiated into the Order. Bro. Elias Simmons was raised to the third degree, and Bros. Gundlach, Isaacson, Harrison, Hicks, Kinley, Hobman, and Ridgley were passed. All the ceremonies were ably and perfectly rendered by the W.M., reflecting great credit on him. As usual in this Lodge, every Officer was equally perfect. A letter was received from the R.W. Bro. Colonel Sir Francis Burdett P.G.M. Middlesex, regretting his inability to be present. The petition of a distressed brother was recommended to the Grand Lodge of Benevolence. Bro. P.M. Levy proposed, and P.M. L. Lazarus seconded, a proposition that Bro. W. W. Morgan, Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, be allowed access to the minute books for the purpose of preparing a history of the Lodge of Joppa. This motion was carried unanimously. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, seventy-two in number, sat down to a *récherché* banquet, provided by Bro. W. G. Jennings, and superintended by Bro. M. Silver. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In speaking to the toast of the R.W. the Earl of Lathom D.G.M. of the G.L. of England, he said he was pleased to say they had the pleasure of having two Grand Officers present; one a member of their Lodge. Those who had seen the working of the Grand Officers in the past could realise what they would do in the future. Bro. Willing P.G.O., in eloquent terms, returned thanks; he was proud in having to respond to the toast. Those who were present at the last meeting of Grand Lodge saw how ably the R.W. Brother the Earl of Lathom sustained the dignity of the chair, a chair which he is so well qualified to fill. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. likewise responded. The W. Master then proposed the toast of the Benevolent Fund, and coupled with it the name of the President, Bro. L. Alexander Past Master, who responded, and announced that the newly initiated brethren had each given a guinea to the Fund. Bro. H. Hymans I.P.M. then proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Baker was one whom they all respected If other W.M.'s had performed the duties of the chair well, the present Master had excelled them that night. All had seen how ably he had performed the ceremonies. However, as it was getting late he would not further detain them, but would ask them at once to honour the toast. The W. Master, who was enthusiastically received, said he felt he did not deserve the kind remarks of Bro. Hymans; the support of the Lodge he hoped to secure. The advantage of the members he would look to in the future, for to them was due his present position in the chair. The W. Master then proposed the toast of the newly initiated brethren. He was pleased the recommendations they brought to the Lodge were so satisfactory. In the short time they had already been among them the seeds of charity had been sown in their breasts, and they had each contributed to the Benevolent Fund. From the attention they had paid to the ceremony he felt prond to rank them as members. The toast having been responded to by Bro. Lion, the W.M. proposed the health of the Visitors, mentioning the name of each; he would couple the toast with the names of Bros. W. Murlis P.M. 1642, Dr. Macaulay, No. 1, Star of the East, India, and D. Baker 1246 for the country brethren. Bro. Murlis said many years since he had been invited to this Lodge, but he had been prevented attending. He was pleased to see how the W. Master had performed the duties of the chair, and to witness the brotherly love and friendship that predominated among them. Whatever the Grand Lodge of Benevolence could do for the Craft, this Lodge, if he looked at the boards around him, was able to relieve its own members. The Earl of Carnarvon Lodge intended to follow this bright example. It lately had had a Ball, where a goodly sum for the Charities had been realised. But the Lodge intended to follow in every respect what the Joppa had done. Bro. Dr. Macaulay said he felt pleased to endorse the expressions of the former speaker. He had been much gratified at the work of the W.M., who had initiated two candidates, passed seven brethren, and raised one to the third degree—an amount of work rarely done by a W.M. in one evening—in a perfect manner. Bro. D. Baker said he was proud to acknowledge his relationship to their Worshipful Master. Nothing could more strengthen that feeling than the fact that his brother occupied the chair of that great Lodge. He, however, was a resident of another country; still he could but feel proud to see his brother so bound up in the bonds of charity, and he hoped he might be present on future occasions. After other of the Visitors had acknowledged the compliment, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Past Masters, coupled with the name of Bro. H. Hymans, who briefly responded. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary. Their good qualities had been so often brought before the Lodge, that he scarcely knew what to say; all were proud of them. After this toast had been acknowledged, the W.M. said no Lodge could prosper without good Officers; as Wardens, no better could be found than Bros. L. M. Myers and Benjamin. The members had seen how they had performed their duties. After this compliment had been acknowledged, the Junior Officers were not overlooked, special mention being made of the exertions of the D.C. Bro. Dodson for the comfort of the brethren. In due course the Tyler's toast was given. The W.M. provided an excellent concert, under the direction of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden, at which Miss Flora Williams, Madame Strindberg, Messrs. H. Prenton, White, and Frank Elmore gave valuable assistance.

Albion Lodge of Instruction, No. 9.—At the recent celebration of the anniversary banquet of this Lodge, which meets in John-street, Berkeley-square, W., there were present Bros. Festa as W.M., Dean P.M. P.P.G.S.B. as S.W., Dairy P.M. as J.W., who were supported by the following distinguished brethren:—Cottebrune P.M. P.G.P., E. Read P.M., Barfield P.M., Cobham P.M., Ponter Past Master, Docker Worshipful Master, Burrow as Organist, Beazley, Green, Honeyball, Collens, Wetherall, Brand, Ball, Dickinson, Sacker, Miller, Levi, Corthew, Hill, Ducher, Daitraz, Cohen, Cox, Maxsted, Davidson, &c. The business was of a purely formal character, and after its conclusion, the brethren sat down to a very excellent repast, under the presiding auspices of Bro. Festa. When ample justice had been done to the viands, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, Bro. Cottebrune P.G.P. replying in suitable terms for that of the Grand Officers. The health of the W.M., proposed by Brother Read, experienced a most enthusiastic reception, and Bro. Festa expressed his warmest thanks for the compliment paid him. "Prosperity to the Albion Lodge" was also well received, and among other toasts was that of the hostess, Mrs. Fellows and her family, well-merited praise being bestowed upon her, for her successful catering. Bro. Burrows presided at the piano, and the interval between the speeches was enlivened by songs and recitations, given by Bros. Miller, Green, and others. Indeed, in every respect the meeting was a great success.

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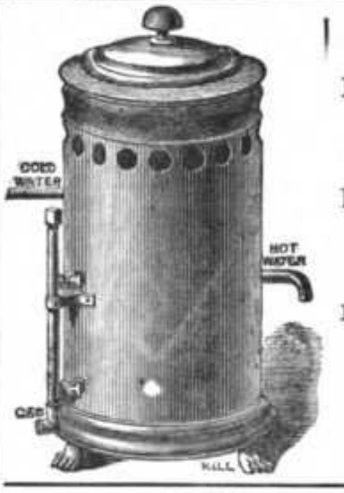
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A Paper read before the York College, at a Regular Meeting held at York, on the 20th November 1880, *by W. Frater Rev. W. C. Lukis, M.A. F.S.A., VII°.*

FRATERS,—Under other circumstances than those under which I now appear before you I should feel constrained to apologize for giving you this Paper. It is only a few months since I read a Paper to the Fratres, and in doing so I thought I should not be asked for a second until my turn came round again, which I imagined would be in the distant future. In obedience to the request of the Chief Adept, who himself never shirks any duty or labour in the promotion of Masonic science, I felt that I could not refuse to tread, in my own humble way, in the footsteps of a leader so enthusiastic, energetic and learned as he is. For this reason I do not consider myself called upon to offer one word of apology. I may add that even for the subject upon which I have been requested to address you, our Chief Adept is in some measure responsible, and I think that if he had been aware how very little there is to say upon it, he would have called upon another Frater to entertain and instruct you upon the present occasion. For my poor starveling I must therefore crave your indulgence, and for myself your commiseration.

The subject indeed is wholly unconnected with Rosicrucian Philosophy; yet in its general bearing it is one in which Masonic students cannot fail to take some interest. The bare allusion to ancient Templars will always touch the hearts of Englishmen and English Masons. The spirit of the Rules and Regulations of the military order so closely resembles that which pervades the system of Masonry that our sympathy is aroused, and our feelings are moved, by recalling the circumstances which occasioned the rise, and conduced to the fall, of the illustrious Order.

It is not my intention, however, to conduct you over the very wide, and most interesting, field of Templar history, because it would be, to you, fruitless as regards any new facts, and you are all probably better acquainted with it than I am myself. It constitutes one of the most astonishing outbursts of religious enthusiasm combined with military ardour that the world has ever witnessed, not excepting Mahometanism, which has long outlived it. Whether within the walls of their preceptories, or on their journeys, or engaged in war, the Rules for the observance of the fraternity were excellent. The Templars were to be examples of wisdom, and to be fruitful in every good word and work. Truth, honour, godly fear, charity, sobriety, modesty, chastity—these were to be the guiding principles of their lives and actions;—and, when not engaged in active military service, they were to be not slothful in prayer, serving the Lord. Further, voluntary poverty was absolutely required as a qualification for admission into the order. Hence you perceive the resemblance between this Guild and Freemasonry; for as, individually and collectively, the members of the former were to be just, and upright, and of strict morals, and to act with gentleness and kindliness towards an erring brother knight, so the distinguishing characteristics of the latter are Honour, Obedience, Truth and Fidelity.

A short while before the institution of the Templar Guild another Order had been established in the Holy City, called the Hospitallers of St. John, who duties were professedly the care of sick pilgrims arriving there, and piety. At a later period they assumed a military character, the younger and more ardent brethren preferring "the enterprise and activity of the camp to the monotonous life of the cloister."

I have no need to tell you, what you already know, whence the Templars derived their appellation, and for what purpose the Order was instituted. I merely allude to this matter in order to observe that it is a remarkable circumstance that two such bodies of men as the Templars and the followers of Mahomet, which were partly religious and partly military in their organisation, should have contended for two centuries for the possession of the sacred Places, and Holy Temple of Jerusalem.

Had poverty continued to distinguish the Christian Order, it would probably have survived to this day in some modified form. The great evils attending upon wealth and other causes, partly contributed to its downfall in the first half of the 14th century. The pure spirit which had characterised the early Knight-monks had gradually died out of the hearts of their descendants. With their growing wealth, luxury and sloth, jealousy and intrigues, laxity of discipline, vice and degeneracy crept in, infected, and weakened the entire body. Divisions also arose among themselves, and the saying was fulfilled, "A house divided against itself falleth." Nevertheless it is a vulgar error to suppose that arrogance, cruelty, and divisions within alone occasioned their ruin. Their suppression is to be attributed rather to the covetous eye of needy sovereigns and rulers outside the fraternity. Pope and King abolished the Templars, and Henry VIII., of England, "that monster of iniquity" as he has been styled, and not unjustly, "on the plea that the Order of Hospitallers of St. John had ceased to exist after the loss of Rhodes, took possession of the Commanderies in his kingdom," and seized their property.

One chief source of their abundant wealth, which proved so tempting to greedy and straightened monarchs, was the voluntary impouring of the Knights' possessions into their common treasury, from out of which revenues used to be transmitted to Jerusalem. A great benefactor is said to have been William, Archbishop of York — who I imagine was the same who is called St. William.

At the time when the Temple Church of London was consecrated, the Superior of the Order had an inquisition made of their lands, and the amount of all kinds of property is simply astounding. Upon their great estates prioral houses were erected for the use of stewards who managed their manors and farms, and collected the rents. These prioral houses became regular monastic establishments, inhabited chiefly by sick and aged Templars who had fought in Palestine, and retired hither to spend their few remaining days in peace and devotional exercises. They were cells to the principal house in London. Then there were smaller administrations, consisting of a Knight Templar, who had under him certain brothers, and a priest to celebrate for them and act as almoner. The Knight was styled Preceptor of the Temple, and the district which he administered was called a Preceptory. I presume that much the same arrangement was adopted by the Hospitallers of St. John. In Yorkshire the Preceptories were at Temple Hurst, Temple Newsam, and other places; and the Preceptories of the Knights of St. John were at Beverley, Newland, Mt. St. John, and Ribston.

I have, I fear, taken up too much of your time in introducing you to an ancient Preceptory in the County of Hereford, about which I have very little to say. If I have thrown the responsibility of this uninteresting paper upon the shoulders of our Chief Adept, I must be honest, and take part of it upon my own. I happened, during the course of last summer, to receive an invitation from a clergyman who was well known and deservedly esteemed in Leeds, who resides upon his estate at Dinmore, between Hereford and Leominster. On approaching the house, which stands upon a commanding elevation, the first object I saw was the small tower of a church rising above the trees. On the following morning I attended the family prayers, which are said daily in the sacred building, and was then informed that this was the chapel formerly attached to a Preceptory of the Knights of St. John, whose domestic buildings occupied the site of the present dwelling-house. The existing chapel appears to have been built about the year 1420 upon the foundations of a more ancient building, though no traces of that building have as yet been discovered. It is rectangular in form, 48ft. 6in. long, and 16ft. 6in. wide; and has a tower with short spire at the west end. The tower arch is of very good proportion, and deeply moulded with a plain shaft on each side. The sanctuary was formerly separated from the rest of the building by an oak screen, which was removed many years ago, and formed into the present altar-table. There are no windows on the north side, but the wall appears to have paintings under the plaster. There are a large east window of three lights, and on the south side one of three lights, and two of two lights each, and a quatrefoil in the west wall of the tower. All the windows have the same plain decorated quatrefoil tracery. The roof is of low pitch, and comparatively modern. There is a piscina of curious form, and a holy water stoup at the north door, of Early English design, which evidently belonged to the more ancient chapel. The real floor is 18in. below the present one. The burying ground appears to have been on the south side, where human bones are constantly dug up. The only monumental stone, which seems to be ancient, is in the floor of the chapel, and is incised with a curious triple cross, upon which a modern inscription has been placed. There is a patriarchal cross upon the east gable of the chancel, and in the cellars of the house I was shown ancient doorways and openings, now closed, constructed in the massive foundations. I immediately acquainted our Chief Adept with what I had seen, and his first thought was that a paper upon it would be appreciated by the Fratres. When I assented to his suggestion, I hoped to find in Dugdale's Monasticon and other books some assistance, but have been disappointed, for not a single allusion is made to it. From other sources of information, however, kindly supplied by the owner of Dinmore, I have ascertained that King "Henry II., son of the Empress Maud, gave to one Friar Thomas (one of the Brethren of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, called Hospitallers,) and his brethren a small quantity of land, part of the wood of Marden, called Dinmore, where he created a small Preceptory." His illustrious son "Richard I., after his return from the Holy Land, granted to the said Hospitallers his manor of St. John, at Hereford, and then the said Knights built a priory at Hereford,* to which the said King gave the Preceptory of Dinmore, as follows:—Richard, by the grace of God King of England, Duke of Normandy, &c., to the Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs, and all his Ministers and faithful Subjects of all England, greeting: Know ye that the Brothers Hospitallers of Jerusalem, and all their goods and possessions, are in our custody and protection. We receive also into our custody and protection Friar Thomas, of Dinmore, and his Brethren, and all their goods and lands and possessions, and their place of Dinmore, which, by their consent, we have granted to the aforesaid Brothers Hospitallers of Jerusalem, together with one corve of land as the the same was admeasured to them by lawful Knights of the Country, in the time of our Father out of the Wood of Marden, to wit, in length from the assert of the Presbytery of Marden, so as the way is asserted between our wood and the said our free alms, unto the lands of the Monks of Leominster of the Hope, and in breadth from the aforesaid way unto Colweye. And, therefore, we will, and strictly command that the aforesaid Brothers and Hospitallers of Jerusalem, and their place of Dinmore, with the aforesaid corve of land, with all

* The Chapel of this priory, or Hospital of St. John, which was in the suburbs of Hereford, after the dissolution of monasteries, was applied to secular uses, and profaned by being made a cattle stall, &c.

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their appurtenances in woods and plains, and of the aforesaid Friar Thomas, Founder of that Place, and his Brethren, and all their goods and lands and possessions, you do keep, protect, and maintain and defend as our own demesnes, doing to them no wrong or contumely, or grievance, nor suffering any to be done by any other; but if any one to them in any thing hurt shall do that you shall to them, without delay, fully cause amends to be made.

By a grant in the first year of King John, which recites that the said Friar Thomas and his Brethren had given to the Priory of St. John at Hereford, his said Preceptory of Dinmore, in the Wood of Marden, the said King confirms the same.

I can tell you nothing respecting the fortunes of this Preceptory until the time of Henry VIII., except that, according to Leland's Survey, one Launcelot Dowera, Knt., was Master of Dinmore in the 20th of Henry VII..

In the 32nd year of Hen. VIII. it was particularly provided by Statute, concerning the possessions of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem—"All the Commanderies, Manors, &c., of the Order are vested in the Crown with all their former privileges."

From this time the usual story connected with the unjust confiscation of religious property is recorded; royal grants, their sale and re-sale.

In the 1st year of Edw. VI., the Bailiff of the Court of Augmentations accounts for the Manor and Preceptory of Dinmore, under Lease to Richard Durmin from the said Court. Lease dated March 3rd, 33rd Hen. VIII., for 21 years, at £12 10s 2d.

The said possessions remained in the Crown, till Queen Mary on 2nd Dec., in the 1st year of her reign, granted to Jane Russell the site of the Preceptory for her life, with remainder to Edwd. Russell, her son, for his life, and the reversion to the Queen, her heirs and successors.

Queen Elizabeth by grant, 3rd year of her reign, reciting the grant of Queen Mary, in consideration of £225 3s 0d, grants the same after the death of Russell to John Woolrych, and Elizabeth his mother, to hold to the said John Woolrych of the Queen in capite. In virtue of which grant the descendants of the said John enjoy the said premises.

The Preceptory, Manor, &c., of Dinmore was sold about the year 1739 by their descendant John Woolrych, Esq., to Richard Fleming, of Sibdon Castle, Esq., Co. Salop, who left it to his second son Richard, from whom it passed to his only son Richard Stukeley Fleming, from him to his only sister Frances, the wife of the Rev. John Francis Seymour St. John, and from them to their eldest son John Fleming St. John, whose son the Rev. Harris Fleming St. John, the present possessor, was my most kind host and provider of the materials for this hastily drawn up Paper.

That which renders this last information of peculiar interest to me, and will I trust before long prove interesting to others, and to Yorkshiremen in particular, is this:—That the above-named Richard Fleming, of Sibdon Castle, and of the Chancery Office, from whom the present owner of Dinmore is descended, was married Dec. 7, 1752, to Frances, eldest daughter of the Rev. Dr. Stukeley, Rector of St. George's, Queen Square, London, and Frances Williamson, his wife. This Dr. Stukeley was an antiquary of considerable note, whose correspondence, with the eminent men of his day, I am engaged in editing for the Surtees Society. His second wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. Gale, a learned Dean of York, and sister to Roger Gale, of Scruton Hall, near Bedale. He was also initiated Jan. 6, 1721, into Freemasonry at the Salutation Tavern, Tavistock-street, London, on which occasion, as he writes in his commonplace book, "I was the first person made a Freemason in London for many years. We had great difficulty to find members enough to perform the ceremony. Immediately upon that it took a run, and ran itself out of breath, through the folly of the members." Whether the Brethren ever recovered breath, or died a violent death, I cannot say, but on 27th Dec., in the same year, Dr. Stukeley is found assisting in the formation of a Lodge at the Fountain Tavern, Strand; and when in 1726 he retired to Grantham he founded a Lodge there.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 100, GT. YARMOUTH.

ON 1st inst. a ball was held at the Assembly Rooms, Great Yarmouth, under the auspices of Lodge Friendship, and passed off with great success. This being the first ball ever given by the Lodge, preparations on an extensive scale were made, and the event was looked forward to with pleasurable anticipation. The rooms were appropriately and prettily decorated for the occasion. The dancing room was tastefully draped with curtains and other light material, and some handsome mirrors added to the effectiveness of the scene. A splendid portrait of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, presented to the Lodge by Bro. J. W. B. Johnson, was also shown, and in front of the balcony were the banner of the Lodge and some plumes. Handsome vases, lent by various brethren, occupied the mantel shelfs, and the corridors and other parts of the building were draped. The apartments adjoining the large hall were elegantly furnished as withdrawing and coffee rooms. The ball was under the management of the following brethren as Stewards:—John Etheridge W.M. president, D. R. Fowler I.P.M., L. Spence P.M., R. W. Hubbard P.M., R. Martins P.M., E. J. Bonfellow P.M., J. Bond P.M., J. Franklin P.M., H. Stembridge S.W., J. W. B. Johnson, J. W. H. Owles S.D., A. D. Bennett J.D., C. J. Bullen I.G., J. E. Balls, and T. Elliot. Bro. A. D. Bennett carried out the arduous duties of Hon. Secretary with much credit and satisfaction, and thanks are due to him for his indefatigable exertions. The preparation of the refreshments was left to Bro. J. Franklin, and the tables, which were laid in the two billiard rooms, were exquisitely arranged. The decorations were carried out with great taste and skill, a couple of obelisks of ice and handsome epergnes embellishing each table. A variety of choice flowers were also utilised with very pretty effect, and the viands were crowned by a peacock, tastefully set off. The company present numbered about 140, including many of the gentry and tradesmen of the town, in addition to friends of the brethren and visitors from Norwich, Lowestoft, and places at a distance. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock, and was kept up till about 4 a.m. in a spirited manner to the strains of a capital band, under the direction of Mr. E. Winton, who also rendered much assistance in carrying out the programme. The brethren wore full Craft clothing, which added much liveliness to the scene. The ball was opened by Bro. J. Etheridge W.M. and Miss Fowler, and Bro. D. R. Fowler I.P.M. and Mrs. Etheridge. The Stewards did everything in their power to secure the comfort and pleasure of their friends.—[We are indebted to the *Yarmouth Gazette* for the above particulars.]

LODGE OF THE MARCHES, No. 611, LUDLOW.

BRO. William Powell is well known among the brethren for his zeal and energy in promoting all matters which have for their object the welfare and prosperity of the Craft; and it was a pleasing and interesting part of the business of the Lodge of the Marches at its meeting on Wednesday, 2nd inst., to present him with a P.M.'s jewel as a mark of the high estimation in which he is held by the brethren, and in testimony of their appreciation of the long-continued and valued services which he has given to the Lodge for a period approaching twenty years. Brother Powell has twice occupied the chair of the Lodge, and has also attained distinction as an Officer in the G. Lodge of the Province. Much of the work in the Lodge of the Marches has fallen to him; and he has also shown great assiduity in instructing in Masonic matters newly initiated members. Bro. Roberts, the Mayor of the Borough, and lately also for two years Master of the Lodge, made the presentation in the name of the Officers and brethren, and in doing so spoke in eulogistic terms of the services which Bro. Powell had rendered them. He said he had taken a great interest in the getting up of the testimonial, and could assure Bro. Powell that no brother in the Province was held in higher esteem by the brethren. Brother Powell, in returning thanks, said he was entirely unequal to the occasion, and unable to find words which would adequately express the feelings with which he received this mark of the goodwill and appreciation of the brethren. The Lodge could always command his efforts, and when from infirmity he could no longer make a response, he hoped some more able brother would be at hand to take up the work. The jewel, of eighteen-carat gold, is very handsomely designed; it has raised Masonic emblems, encircled by a relief base, with the words "Lodge of the Marches, No. 611," and is suspended from a monogram of the Ludlow Arms, of equally handsome and elaborate design. On the back the following inscription is neatly engraved:—"Presented to Bro. William Powell P.M. 611 P.P.D.C. of North Wales and Shropshire, by the Officers and brethren of the Lodge of the Marches, 611, as a mark of fraternal regard, and as a slight acknowledgment of many valuable services continuously rendered to the Lodge for a period of more than eighteen years.

Ludlow, 2nd March 1881."

We may add that at the same meeting there were three raisings The attendance was unusually large.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 8th inst., at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement. Present—Bros. Hall W.M., Medwin S.W., Orme J.W., J. L. Mather Preceptor, C. G. Sparrow Hon. Sec., Kern S.D., Couchman I.G., and several others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Batty candidate. Bro. Hall vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Blenkhorn, who rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Button candidate. Bro. Medwin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

The Crichton Lodge, 1641.—The second annual ball of this Lodge took place on Friday, 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, and passed off with very great success. The Stewards were Bros. R. J. Voisey W.M., T. Gardner I.P.M., A. Middlemass P.M., T. Griffiths P.M., P. A. Nairne D.C., S. H. Goldschmidt S.W., T. E. Heller J.W., D. D. Mercer Treasurer S.D., T. Weeks Secretary, R. Greenwood I.G., R. Stokoe W.S., J. Maunder Organist, R. J. Vincent, J. Dallison, H. R. Baker, T. Nettleship, W. H. Briant, J. Cross, C. Köhler W.M. 1381, Fredk. Hilton J.W. 1473, and G. P. Coltar J.W. 1622. Bros. W. H. Baker J.D. 1641, H. A. Stunt W.S. 1641, and T. Cull W.M. 1446, acted as Honorary M.C.'s. The attendance was very numerous, nearly 200 guests being present. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. David Rose (P.M. Rose Lodge), W. M. Goss (W.M. Caveac Lodge), Vickery (W.M. Rose Lodge), W. Clausson Thue (P.M. Rose Lodge), W. Pilditch (P.M. Earl Spencer Lodge), and many other brethren. Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock, to the music of Bro. Dan Godfrey's band, and, as may be expected, was carried on with great spirit till far into the "small hours," the M.C.'s acting with untiring energy throughout for the comfort of the visitors. During the interval the company adjourned to an excellent repast, at which Bro. Voisey presided. The usual toasts were received with much applause, particularly in the case of "The Ladies," for whom Bro. Goldschmidt in appropriate terms responded. It is evident from the successful manner this ball was carried out the Charity Fund will be largely augmented.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 12th MARCH.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1428—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon

MONDAY, 14th MARCH.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1366—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1683—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
R.C.—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
90—St. John, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
104—St. John, Ashton House, Grock-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
284—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
491—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield.
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1496—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1542—Legionium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1582—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 300—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M.—Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T.—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 15th MARCH.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Tredegar, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 1305—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
807—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
903—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
946—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1008—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1069—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1784—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.

WEDNESDAY, 16th MARCH.

Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
180—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchan. Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
274—Tranquillity, Bear's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
367—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
889—Dolne, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 488—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford.
R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

THURSDAY, 17th MARCH.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7. (Instruction)
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High street, Deptford
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1309—Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7. (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1671—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

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42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
264—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
K.T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
K.T.—William de la More, Town Hall, Bootle.

FRIDAY, 18th MARCH.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction.)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
127—Union Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
516—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1098—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford.
R.A. 52—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
R.C.—Talbot, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
K.T.—Jacques de Molay, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 19th MARCH.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Albion Lodge, No. 9.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 1st instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London. Bros. Frederick Cheffereil W.M., Edwd. D. Willey S.W., S. Coste P.M. J.W., James Abbott P.M. Secretary, Thomas Moring P.M. Treasurer, S. N. Thompson S.D., R. Elliott J.D., William Willey P.M. D.C., Edmund Coste P.M. Steward, Robert Watson I.G., James Rawles Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. W. T. Scott, S. Vallentine, L. W. Harvey, H. S. Friend; Bros. S. Holroyd, Gregory, Wallace, Price, Beadley, Plaister. Visitors—J. Corbett Neptune 22, George Bradley St. Oswald's 910, W. H. Macray P.P.G.S. Legiolium 1542, Thos F. Fillery Gladsmuir 1385, A. M. Broadley P.D. District Grand Master of Malta P.M. 1718 and W.M. 1835 William Kingston Goletta, Tunis, J. B. Burnard Beaconsfield 1666, C. E. Tinney Asaph 1319, and Frederick Binckes P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge, &c. Lodge opened and minutes were read. Several sums were voted from the Benevolent Fund, and arrangements were made for a summer banquet.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., every Tuesday evening. It has been arranged to rehearse the ceremony of installation at the above Lodge on Tuesday, the 15th inst. Bro. Brown P.M. of the mother Lodge, will be the Installing Master. Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180.—The regular meeting of the above Lodge was held on the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen.street. Present:—Bros. C. Wade W.M., Fletcher S.W., J. Wood P.M. J.W., Miles Treasurer, Parsons P.M. Secretary, Maxted J.D., Chester I.G., L. Herf P.M. W.S., Denne assistant W.S., Hart Organist; P.M.'s Bros. Stonor, L. Herf, Robinson, and Farwig. Visitors—Bros. D. Baker, W. Donne 192, A. Baume 63, E. Farley 58, Grogan 256, A. Forsyth 140, Spooner 1470, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Lodge was opened to the third degree, and closed to the first. The resignation of a brother was accepted, with regret. The petition of a widow from a member of a Lodge at Cambridge was recommended to the Lodge of Benevolence. Lodge was then closed until October. The brethren sat down to an excellent banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Best and superintended by Bro. Dawkins. The W.M. proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Stonor P.M. had pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M.; all knew his capabilities, and whenever his services were required he was ready to give them. He trusted that on a future occasion the members would have an opportunity of witnessing Bro. Wade's working; as president at their festive board, he had ably acquitted himself; he would conclude by calling on all present to cordially drink the toast. The W.M. thanked Bro. Stonor for his kind expressions; he hoped he had done his duty in every respect in the junior offices, and, as W.M., he trusted to have the opportunity of showing that, after the next meeting, initiations would follow. He assured them his heart and soul was with the Lodge. It was gratifying to know that the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge was in a flourishing condition, and while the Lodge was under his rule he trusted it might also flourish. The next toast given was the health of the Visitors; Brother H. M. Levy Past Master 188 acknowledged the compliment. The W.M. then gave the toast of the P.M.'s. They were all good working Masons; in fact, he might say they were the pillars of the Lodge. If he might say so, they were like old books, and could always be seen in reference to anything that might crop up. He had especially to thank Bro. Farwig for his assistance. Bro. Stonor also was a very old and respected P.M. Bro. Stonor, in reply, said he felt proud to assist the W.M., either as I.P.M. or in any way; he would do all he could to sustain the Lodge. Bro. Robinson P.M. followed. The W.M. had pleasantly alluded to them as old books; he hoped they would ever be bound together in one bond of brotherly feeling. In proposing the toast of the Wardens, the W.M. said he hoped their S.W. would be the next Master of the Lodge. The J.W. is W.M. of another Lodge, and his working is well known. The united assistance given by these brethren could but be for the benefit of the Lodge. Bro. Fletcher S.W. felt deeply grateful for the kind remarks of the W.M. He should, indeed, feel proud if he were elected to fill the chair of the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, incidentally mentioning it was the intention of the latter Brother shortly to enter the holy bonds of matrimony. All knew the good and excellent qualities of their esteemed Brother, and he hoped the members would give the toast a hearty reception, wishing health and prosperity to the bride and bridegroom. The toast was enthusiastically received. Bro. Farwig P.M. said that Bro. Miles, one of the oldest members of the Lodge, had been elected Treasurer; he was a good and worthy Brother. With respect to Bro. Parsons, he (Bro. Farwig) had to thank him for introducing him to a Lodge of Instruction, which resulted in his first step on the ladder of advancement, and culminated in his being a P.M. of this Lodge. All the members would wish him every happiness in his Masonic life. The toast of the Junior Officers was ably responded to by Bros. Maxted, Chester, &c. and the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

La Tolerance Lodge, No. 538.—On Thursday, 3rd inst., this Lodge, after the regular meeting, which was the last for the season, and at which Bros. Burt and Walser were raised, gave a banquet, to which ladies were admitted, while a dispensation from Grand Lodge had been obtained which permitted the brethren to wear their Craft clothing. The banquet took place at Freemasons' Hall, in the Crown-room, upwards of seventy being present, thirty-six of the number being ladies, who assembled in the drawing-room, whither the brethren adjourned at the closing of the Lodge, having first formed in procession. The toasts of the Queen and the Craft, the G.M. and Officers (to which Bro. James Kench P.M. and Treasurer, G.P., replied), the W.M. (proposed by Bro. T. W. Cooper), the I.P.M., the Lady Visitors, the Gentlemen Visitors, the P.M.'s, and finally the Officers of the Lodge were complimented. Between the toasts suitable accompaniments were performed under the direction of Bro. H. J. Dean 45, Org. 1260. Afterwards a dance took place, thus bringing the festivities to a pleasing close, the ladies evidently appreciating and much enjoying the entertainments.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the meeting held on Friday, 4th inst., at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, Bros. C. E. Botley W.M., F. Botley S.W., Monson J.W., Maton S.D., Tucker Treas. J.D., Goss P.M. I.G., Roe P.M. Preceptor. Gunner Hon. Sec., Gomm P.M., Lucas, Kent, Daniel, Brill, Becket, &c. Lodge opened, and the minutes were read, confirmed, and signed. Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and Bro. Tucker was raised. Lodge closed to first degree, when the initiation ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Lucas candidate. Bro. F. Botley was elected W.M. for next meeting.

The Thistle Mark Lodge of Instruction will in future hold its meetings at the Freemasons' Tavern, every Wednesday evening, at seven o'clock, Bro. W. J. Collens Hon. Sec.

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UNITED STRENGTH LODGE, No. 228.

IT is impossible to attend a meeting of this old and flourishing Lodge, and not admit the appropriateness of its appellation. For, beyond the cohesion and fraternal unity which should, and invariably does, cement the members of a Lodge together, there are elements of sound and pure Masonic intercourse and co-operation which it must be said do not exist everywhere. Added to an excellence of working which strikes the visitor with agreeable astonishment, there is a vein of sterling amity pervading the Lodge, the town and country members vieing with each other only in advancing its interests and in cultivating those courtesies and amenities which are by no means the least important or essential elements of the Craft. Thus, on Tuesday evening last, the recently-installed Worshipful Master, Bro. George Hellen Patmore (of Luton) was met on the first evening of his presidency since his installation, by a large and enthusiastic gathering, including many Past Masters and Visitors. The brethren assembled at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, about half-past four o'clock, when Lodge was opened with the customary observances, the W.M. being supported by most of his Officers, viz., Bros. Alfred Henry Hickman S.W., Henry W. Alford J.W., Joseph Crump P.M. Secretary, Edward Davies P.M. Acting Secretary, Frederick J. Hunt S.D., Alfred H. Trewinnard W.M. 1692 J.D., Frank Arnold D.C., Matthew Moseley A.D.C., and George Bellett I.G. The esteemed Treasurer, Bro. John A. Winsland P.M., and Bro. James Terry P.M. (Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution), who has kindly undertaken the post of Steward, were unavoidably absent. The attendance also included—Bros. Robert Snare I.P.M.; P.M.'s Richard Pearcy, Robert H. Halford, James Hillhouse, A. Colston; Bros. H. Langley, Alfred Cornelius Wolsey, Joseph Reynolds Green, Francis Edward Thurland, Vilett Rolleston, Henry George Plaws, Cornelius Reepe, T. R. Bull, Harley Paine, William John Randall, John Woodman, James Francis Quartley, Charles Lewis Amez Droz, William Campden, William Smith, Henry Thomas Sandy, Charles William Butler, Edward Henry Johnson, James Evetts, Max Mendelsohn, John Henry Miller, Thomas Gebhardt, George Christopher Fidge, William Bray, T. H. Bromley, William Briden Smart, Robert Carlyle Childs, &c. Visitors—Bros. A. Davies 1247, Samuel Johnson 948, William Webb I.G. 1580, James Taylor 177, W. C. Hazelgrove W.M. 475, and G. E. Frodsham 3. Thus it will be observed that the metropolitan brethren were joined by a strong contingent from Luton and other parts of Bedfordshire; and, as we have said, Bro. Patmore's inaugural presidency drew together a numerous and enthusiastic assembly. The minutes of the installation meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was prepared for Mr. William Briden Smart, of Luton, proposed by the W.M., seconded by Brother Frank Arnold; for Mr. Thomas Jones, of Luton, proposed by Bro. Miller, seconded by the W.M.; and for Mr. Robert Carlyle Child, of Hampstead, whose sponsors were Bro. Vilett Rolleston and Bro. Edward Davies P.M. All were unanimously accepted, and Messrs. Smart and Child being in attendance were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by the W.M., who acquitted himself with credit and satisfaction to the brethren. Lodge was then advanced, and Bro. William Bray, having answered the usual interrogations perfectly, was entrusted; and on his readmission was passed to Fellow Craft, the ceremony being well performed by the W. Master. Lodge was again advanced, when Bros. Alfred Cornelius Wolsey and Geo. Christopher Fidge were duly raised, the impressive manner in which the rite was carried out showing that the W. Master needs but little experience in his exalted position to attain perfection of working. At the conclusion of a somewhat heavy agenda, Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren adjourned to the Throne-room of the hotel, where Messrs. Ritter and Clifford, as usual, presented a tempting *menu*, the banquet being personally superintended by Bro. Henry Mills. The whole of the arrangements were such as to afford unqualified satisfaction. After dessert the customary Loyal and Craft toasts were honoured, and the health of the Initiates having been welcomed with a hearty "fire," Bros. Smart and Child acknowledged, in suitable terms, the compliment paid them. Bro. Snare I.P.M. then proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, whom he congratulated upon the numerous attendance at his first meeting, and upon the success he had achieved in conducting the duties of the Lodge. The W. Master, in responding, thanked the brethren for the very flattering manner in which they had received the toast. He was sensible of many shortcomings in the discharge of the arduous duties which they had entrusted to his hands; but it would be no fault of his if he did not acquit himself next time more to their satisfaction and his own. However, he had done the work to the best of his ability. It must be recollected that in the country they could not enjoy the facilities possessed by London brethren of attending Lodges of Instruction, where, with the Preceptor at their elbow, they were enabled to make rapid advances in their work. In such cases a man who applied himself to the task could soon make himself almost perfect in Masonry. It was not convenient for him to be in London every night, but he should endeavour to come as often as he could, and study to attain a little more polish than he had exhibited that evening. In conclusion he assured them he should always do the best he could for the Lodge of United Strength. He then proposed the Visitors, offering a few words of welcome to each whose name appeared upon the list. Suitable replies were made by Bro. W. C. Hazelgrove W.M. of St. John the Baptist Lodge, 475, who invited the brethren of the United Strength to pay him a return visit; Bro. Samuel Johnson, who expressed the pleasure it had afforded him, on this his first visit, to see the excellence of working in the Lodge, and the hearty unanimity which pervaded the brethren; Bro. William Webb, who thought from what he had seen of the working there was no need for the apologetic terms in which the W. Master had expressed himself. Bros. A. Davies, Jas. Taylor, and G. E. Frodsham also acknowledged the hospitable welcome which had been extended to the Visitors. The W. Master, in proposing the health of the Past Masters, observed that those who were in Lodge that night would be satisfied he (the speaker) would have fared badly had not his worthy Immediate Past Master been at his elbow to render him valuable assistance. They had also amongst them the father of the Lodge, Bro. Joseph Crump P.M., whom they all delighted to honour. It did not matter who came to visit the Lodge, they always inquired who was that venerable brother amongst them, and all were delighted to hail him as the parent of the United Strength Lodge. There were several other P.M.'s present, all of whom had ably filled the chair which he now occupied, though they regretted the unavoidable absence of Bros. Winsland, their esteemed Treasurer, and James Terry. Really, without the latter the Lodge did not seem complete; but they had the satisfaction of knowing that he was somewhere about the country advocating, with his well-known fervency and zeal, the claims of that noble Institution of which he was the guiding spirit and the grand propelling power. The toast was acknowledged by the Immediate Past Master, who claimed for himself and colleagues that "modesty" which always took possession of men who had passed the chair. He promised to Bro. Patmore all the aid which he and his brother P.M.'s could render during his year of office, which, he hoped, would be a happy and prosperous one. The health of the Officers of the Lodge was next given, and suitable replies were made by those brethren respectively, the official list being concluded with the Tyler's toast. During the evening some capital songs were rendered, the very agreeable proceedings being brought to a termination in time to enable the country brethren to catch the last train for home.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on 3rd March. Bros. F. W. Wilkinson W.M., C. Andrews P.M. S.W., C. E. Porter J.W., J. Green S.D., J. Wells J.D., F. Botley I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. H. E. Tucker candidate. The W.M. gave the charge. The Secretary was requested to write to Bro. G. S. Wright a letter of condolence, sympathising with him in his bereavement,—the loss of his wife. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Wilkinson on his having filled the chair in this Lodge of Instruction for the first time. Bro. C. Andrews was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—At the meeting of this Lodge, on the 7th inst., at Bro. A. Yates's, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, Bro. Hubbert occupied the chair, and was ably supported by Bros. Sturtevant as S.W., Loane J.W., W. Hogg P.M. Preceptor, T. J. Barnes P.M. Treasurer, B. Stewart Secretary, Loftus S.D., Deeson J.D., Hammond I.G.; also present Bros. Johnson, Wheatley, J. Andrews P.M., Robinson, Stephens, &c. The usual preliminaries having been duly observed, Bro. Hubbert rehearsed the ceremony of initiation—Bro. Johnson as candidate—in a very commendable manner. Bro. Loane jun. worked the first section of the lecture, and Bro. Barnes P.M. the second and third, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Stewart Hon. Secretary then submitted the balance sheet for the past twelve months, which showed a satisfactory financial position. We are pleased to note the steady support which this Lodge has accorded to the Masonic Institutions, £5 5s having been voted twice to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, besides sundry grants to necessitous brethren. Whilst we are gratified to find the working of a Lodge to be good, this is doubtless the highest exercise of good working Freemasons can exhibit. Bro. Sturtevant was elected to fill the position of Master at the meeting on the 14th inst. A vote of thanks, which was supported in kindly terms by Bro. Barnes P.M., was unanimously accorded to Bro. Hubbert, he having occupied the position of W.M., for the first time in this Lodge, most ably. Announcements were made of the working of the Fifteen Sections by the following brethren:—On the 23rd inst., at the Burdett-Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278, by Bro. B. Cundick; on the 27th inst., at the Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205, by Bro. T. Wooding; on the 28th inst., at West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., by Bro. G. H. Stephens, who, on the invitation of this Lodge, will be assisted entirely by brethren from the East End of London. Lodge was then closed and adjourned until the 14th inst.

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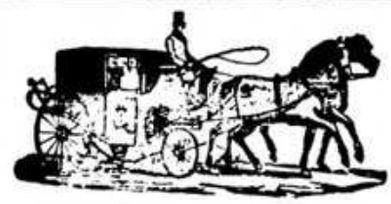
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FREEMASONRY IN CHINA.

A MOST interesting paper, by Bro. Herbert A. Giles W.M. Ionic, No. 1781, was read before that Lodge on 1st June 1880, and has since, by permission of the District G. Master of Hong Kong, been published in book form. The title is, perhaps, a little misleading, in the sense, at least, that it does not treat of Masonry as now established in China, but of a system which existed in that country ages ago, and which certainly justifies the opinion that something analogous to our Freemasonry was established there at a period very remote from the present. So interesting is it that we have thought it worth while to give an outline of the points which are especially referred to.

Bro. Giles first of all notes that, if by Freemasonry is meant the system now in vogue among western nations, with its ritual of doubtful date, its signs, constitutions, &c., then it certainly does not exist at the present time, and never has existed among this people. But if it "points to that higher and more ethereal scheme of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols drawn from operative Masonry, which was initiated in pre-historic times, when the human race, emerging gradually from savagery and barbarism, first turned to contemplate the wondrous works of the Great Architect of the Universe, and began to recognise the mutual obligations subsisting between man and man," then he thinks it will be found that a kind of Masonic system undoubtedly existed in days long anterior to the Christian era. Thus, says Bro. Giles, "from time immemorial we find the square and compasses used by Chinese writers, either together or separately, to symbolise precisely the same phases of conduct as in our own system of Freemasonry." The order, however, is reversed, priority being given to the compasses. Other Masonic tools and appliances are similarly used, the earliest passage within Bro. Giles's knowledge, which illustrates this statement, being in the Book of History, in which, in an account of a military exhibition, occurs the passage, "Ye officers of Government, apply the compasses," while in another part a magistrate is spoken of as "the man of the level," or "the level man." This book, we are told, extends over a period from the twenty-fourth to the seventh century B.C. Even if we take the latter period we note that curious Masonic expressions were in vogue in the written language over seven centuries before the advent of Christ; but as the authenticity of the Book is not in question, this gives a far higher antiquity to Masonry than has ever been claimed for it. In making this latter assertion the writer is so far in error that enthusiasts as to the antiquity of Masonry, take us back to the days of Adam and Eve for the origin of Freemasonry, though how sensible men could have advanced so strange a theory, in sober seriousness and in the sense in which they do advance it, is beyond ordinary comprehension.

Greater authorities still than the "Book of History" are certain quotations the author makes, one from the Discourses of the great Philosopher Confucius, and the others from the works of his great disciple Mencius, who lived two centuries later. In the former case, it seems "when recounting his own degrees of moral progress in life, the Master tells us that only at seventy years of age could he venture to follow the inclinations of his heart without fear of 'transgressing the limits of the square.'" The description of the passages in Mencius is still more curious, for there he says, "we are taught that just as the most highly skilled artificers are unable, without the aid of the square and compasses, to produce perfect rectangles or perfect circles, so must all men apply their tools figuratively to their lives, and the level and marking-line besides, if they would walk in the straight and even paths of wisdom and keep themselves within the bounds of honour and virtue." In support he instances three passages from as many different Books by this celebrated writer, namely, Books IV, VI, and VII, respectively. We quote them in their order of sequence:—

(1.) The Compasses and the Square are the embodiment of the rectangular and the round, just as the prophets of old were the embodiment of the due relationship between man and man.

(2.) A Master Mason, in teaching his Apprentices, makes use of the Compasses and the Square. Ye who are engaged in the pursuit of wisdom must also make use of the Compass and the Square.

(3.) A carpenter or a carriage-builder may give a man the Compasses and the Square, but he cannot necessarily make him a skilful workman.

These are curious, but equally so is a quotation or translation from "a famous canonical work, commonly known to foreigners as the *Great Learning*, the actual authorship of which is a moot point among scholars, though it is admitted on all sides that the text dates from between three and five hundred years before Christ." In this passage, which inculcates "that a man should abstain from doing unto others what he would not they should do to him," it is laid down that "this is called the principle of acting on the square." Descending to a later period, Bro. Giles makes reference to the *Sacred Edict*, "a number of moral maxims addressed to the people by the second Emperor of the reigning dynasty (1661-1723), and expanded by the third Emperor, his son. Herein it is laid down that filial piety and fraternal love should be the chief objects in the moral education of children, and that those virtues must be taught by example as well as precept, so that "the wisdom of our sons may ripen day by day, and they may walk within the limits prescribed by the compasses and the square." A further point of great value is that "the proverbial philosophy of China teems with allusions of this kind, so that when the Amoy Masonic Hall was erected, no difficulty was experienced in finding mottoes for inscription on either side of the entrance door to the Lodge, and accordingly the meaning of those which were inscribed on the respective sides were as follow, namely:—

That on the right—"The holy doctrine"—which in a footnote we are told is "Confucianism"—"in its education of mankind makes use of the Compasses and the Square."

That on the left—"The genius of the sage in the administration of affairs takes the form of the rectangular or the round."

But these figurative expressions are to be found not only in the written language, but also in all the colloquial dialects in vogue at the present date. Thus in every day talk one "who has no 'square and compasses,'" or does not understand them, is "oblivious of all moral and social obligations, and totally unfit for any society of men who prize honour and virtue above the external advantages of rank and fortune.'" The "Cash," the one and only coin current in China, being circular and having a square hole pierced in it, is considered by the people as "the most perfect symbol of a perfect man."

Passing on to the "point within a circle," the author says the Chinese have this very symbol, "which is nothing more nor less than the ancient form of the character of

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the Sun. It is one of the best of the scanty number of *bonâ fide* hieroglyphics that the Chinese have to show; it is a positive picture of the Sun, the life-giver, as their forefathers saw it overhead, a dot within the circle of the sky." Bro. Giles, however, while noting this and other coincidences, lays great stress on the necessity there is for the exercise of that important Masonic virtue of caution, before accepting offhand such coincidences as they might light upon as evidences of Freemasonry in China; and he cites two cases in which, in his opinion, Bro. Alabaster has been misled owing to the difference in character in the language as now written, and as it was written centuries since. Says he, "characters are now written with straight lines, whereas before the Christian era almost every other stroke was a curve." Thus he notes that the character *chêng*—"upright"—is Masonic both in shape and meaning and bears "a singular resemblance to the triple *tau* monogram of the Royal Arch degree," but "in ancient days, it was formed with curved strokes, in which its identity with the Masonic monogram can be traced only by the enthusiast." Yet the character *t'ou* ⊥ which our readers will at once recognise, is "written now as it was later even two and three thousand years ago."

Other coincidences next claim the writer's attention. Thus the place of honour in a Chinese family is in the East, and hence an employer is often spoken of by his *employés* as "the Eastern one." Then, as regards the Apron, the Chinese recognise the Masonic division of the body by its means, and have done so for centuries, and, adds Bro. Giles, "in their ancient ceremonial of several thousand years ago an apron of some kind undoubtedly played a part. Such an article of dress is, in fact, mentioned in the Discourses of Confucius, and is depicted in the old illustrated dictionary of the classics as ornamented with a plant, seven stars, an axe, and the character of *a* or *ya*." Further, "the Chinese symbol for an axe, placed inside the symbol for the square" is "the identical character by which the term 'Master Mason' is expressed in the written language of China." As to the *a* or *ya* Bro. Giles feels unprepared to fix its significance, but, he remarks suggestively, "Some assert that its meaning has reference to the disappearance of the sun; and, if so, why not to the darkness visible of a Master Mason's Lodge?" Finally, "the great Yü, who is said to have drained off the waters of the Chinese Deluge, girt himself with a lambskin apron when, bareheaded and barefooted, he offered himself as a sacrifice for the people; besides which we have the apron distinctly mentioned in the Book of History as part of the sacrificial costume of old."

Bro. Giles concludes his paper with some remarks on the Secret Societies of China, which, unfortunately, it appears, are "strictly forbidden by the Government, as hotbeds of sedition and political intrigue." The best known of them, we are told, is "the Triad Society," which has its headquarters in the Straits' Settlements, and had its origin curiously enough about a hundred and fifty years ago, or not so very far from the date of the establishment of Speculative Masonry in this country. The word "Triad" alludes to a conjunction of the three great powers in nature, to wit, Heaven, Earth, and Man. The Society admits members with a ceremonial resembling our own. Its working tools comprise "a 12-inch gauge, called 'the jade-foot rule,' a balance, a steelyard, an abacus or counting-board, and a pencil." They have "a W.M., a 'great brother' and 'a second brother,' corresponding to our Senior Warden and Junior Warden; a 'first point' and a 'second point,' corresponding to our Senior Deacon and Junior Deacon, and an inner and outer guard, both of whom wear wave-shaped swords, supposed to represent a dragon swimming in a pool. They have a Treasurer, and recognise the three degrees of E.A., F.C., and M.M., which they speak of as "affiliated younger brother,' 'obligated elder brother,' and 'obligated uncle,' respectively." Bro. Giles points out other points of resemblance, and gives a description of the ceremony of initiation, but at too great length for us to repeat in detail. It seems, however, that brethren discover themselves to each other by putting the question, "Whence do you come?" the answer to which is, "I come from the East." Then, "Whither are you directing your steps?" to which the reply is, "I wish to go where I can join the myriad brethren." With a few further particulars the lecture closes. We have gone thus minutely into it, because, as we said at starting, it cannot fail to be otherwise than most instructive to our readers. We think Bro. Giles has done his work extremely well, and that it was a politic as well as complimentary act on the part of the Lodge to have it printed and published in its present form. Bro. Giles's points are undoubtedly the result of most careful study, and we thank him most heartily for having afforded us an insight into a field of comparative literature with which it is well nigh impossible or, at all events, in the highest degree improbable, we should have any acquaintance.

THE APPROACHING SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

FOLLOWING very closely on the announcement of the result of the first of the annual Festivals held in connection with our Masonic Institutions come most practical evidences—in the form of "lists of candidates"—of the great need there is for the maintenance and even enlargement of our charity funds. We no not approve of the cry "give, give," being made a continuous one, but so long as Freemasonry rests on its present basis it will be incumbent on its members to do their utmost to uphold its distinguishing characteristic, and to provide as far as lies in their power for the widows and children of the deceased or less fortunate members. How best to accomplish this end is, and we imagine ever will be, a question on which great difference of opinion exists, but there are some points on which we think it will be as well to give a passing thought ere we proceed to our usual review of the several candidates. The election for the Girls' School takes place on Saturday, the 9th April, while that for the Boys' is fixed for the following Monday; we shall therefore, as usual, confine our present remarks to the particulars of the former. The list gives the names of twenty-eight candidates, of whom seventeen appear now for the first time; while of the whole number, fourteen—or exactly one-half—bear record of their father's death having taken place during the year just closed. Now, considering that by the rules governing our Schools, the petitions in each of these cases must have been drawn up some time before the end of 1880, we think this bears unmistakable evidence of a great neglect of duty on the part of the brethren whose families are compelled to appeal to the charity of the Craft, and it induces us to ask, what Freemasonry as practised in this country really is? Is it a luxury or a necessity? We answer most decisively, the latter; and we greatly blame the man who takes from his family the money for the purpose of paying his initiation fees or his Lodge subscriptions. We are frequently told that Freemasonry is not a benefit society, but we are beginning to think it would be much better if it were, for then every member would be compelled to do some little for the benefit of his family in case of need, whereas now it is well-known that some make a boast of what the Craft would do for their children if anything was to happen to necessitate an appeal to it, and in that way excuse themselves from personally making provision for misfortune. We are aware that it may be considered bad taste thus to speak of brethren who are dead, at the same time some action must be taken in order to check these serious and growing evils. It would appear that no sooner is a brother dead, than his family look around to see what advantages they can secure from his connection with Freemasonry. Now we are of opinion that if a family is so destitute as to necessitate this, then the father had no right to join Freemasonry. If, on the other hand, Freemasonry be defined as a necessity, then some rule should be adopted whereby provision would be secured to a member's family, at least for a short time after his death. We consider that the Masonic Schools should be for the reception of the children of Masons, who having themselves done their best, and having exhibited some amount of consideration for the future could, with good grace, appeal to their fellows in case of unforeseen calamity overtaking them or those dependent on them, and not for those who never exhibited the smallest amount of care, or showed they had the least regard for the future. If we take the same fourteen cases, we find that only four can boast of more than ten years membership of the Craft, while seven of them average but four years membership each. Still we hardly think that should be urged against the children, except as convincing us that in many cases the father acted unwisely in joining the Order, as the events of a few years

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have proved that their families had greater need of the money than they of the enjoyment afforded by association with the Craft.

To proceed with our task. As we have already said, there are twenty-eight candidates, six of whom are "last application" cases, four of the number appearing now for the first time. Of the remaining two, Elizabeth Minnie Parker, No. 1 on the list, one of five fatherless children, comes forward for the sixth time, with ninety-two votes to her credit—we may say this is about the only item creditable to the case. We suppose she has no better prospect of success on the present occasion than has characterised her previous efforts. Her father was a member of Lodge No. 441, "Three Grand Principles," of Cambridgeshire, and we suppose the members thereof have an answer ready to account for their failing to act up to what this name teaches, or is this another instance of the want of sympathy with our Institutions exhibited by the Province? There can be no excuse for any candidate being placed in such a position as this one occupies, as brethren have no right to raise false hopes in the minds of a widow by lending their names to a case they do not intend to support. No. 3, Emily Deacon, at three previous elections has polled 314 votes, and is one of seven dependent children, whose father is insane. The Province of Essex, from which the case emanates, has also another "last application" case, but we can hardly imagine the brethren thereof allowing either to fail, if any effort on their part can prevent it. The other case they have in hand is that of S. H. M. Tippler, No. 13, first application, whose father could boast of 31 years membership of the Order, he having been initiated as far back as 1848. Doubtless he became well-known in the Province during that time, and we hope it will now be possible to do something for one or other of the three parentless children he has left dependent. The other three "last" cases are London ones, viz.: Nos. 15, 21, 24—E. M. Penny, M. J. March, and L. M. Anscombe. Of these, undoubtedly the one calling for most support is No. 21, the lass is one of ten children, now dependent, whose father is insane. We have for many years known Bro. March, and if we may be allowed to say a word or two in favour of his child, we do so feeling assured that the case is one of the most deserving on the list, and that no brother need have any fear of doing wrong in supporting it. No. 24 is one of five fatherless children, while No. 15 is one of two similarly placed. Having thus disposed of the last application cases, we will address ourselves to a consideration of the others. First of these, as regards votes in hand, comes No. 10 (L. Williamson), one of seven children, of whom two are partly provided for. The father, who died in 1878, was a member of 935, an East Lancashire Lodge. At the last election her friends polled 532 votes in her favour. We have little doubt but that they will secure her election this April. No. 9 (A. A. Allison), one of three dependent children, has a brother in the Boys' School. She brings forward 364 votes from October, and we imagine will secure election on this or next occasion. E. M. A. Townsend, a Suffolk lass, has 305 votes to her credit. Her case is one that will doubtless receive the support of the brethren of her late father's Province, she being one of eight children now dependent. Edith Brown, No. 2—sixth application—has only 93 votes to her credit, but we imagine her claims will not be overlooked by the Devonshire brethren, that being the Province to which her father is accredited. She is one of eight children now dependent on her parents, both of whom are living. A. H. Nicholls, No. 5, also has a brother in the Boys' School, and she comes forward for the third time, with seventy-seven votes to the good. Her mother is still living, and has this child and three others to provide for. No. 8, A. E. Turner, second application, has nine votes from last election, and No. 4, M. McKinney but eight, from two trials. Each of the girls are members of families left fatherless, and in each case there are three children dependent on the widow. No. 6 (M. J. C. Fry) has appeared in the list on the last two occasions, but at present no votes have been recorded on her behalf. This does not, however, prove, that the child is quite forsaken, as it is well known the Committee of the Province to which her father belonged—Hants and Isle of Wight—organise their voting powers so thoroughly as virtually to monopolise every vote in their district, and when the time comes they are able to poll sufficient on one occasion to make up for the apparent neglect at previous elections No. 7 (M. L. Gane), from Wilts, shared a similar fate—so far as result is concerned—at the last October election. The remaining thirteen cases are all first application ones, and we do not know that we can say anything particular in reference to them, except that in the case of No. 27, G. B. Balch, who is one of five children, both parents are dead, and that consequently the children are entirely dependent on the charity of all but strangers. Every voter has at his command as much information as regards these candidates as we have—that given in the official list; and if there are any who consider this far from sufficient—as we do—the remedy is in their own hands. The experience of the past few months has been sufficient to warrant an alteration in this respect, and we can hardly imagine, but that something will shortly be done to remedy what we look upon as a grave omission.

Since writing the above we have taken upon ourselves the task of making further enquiries into the position of some of the candidates, and although the particulars we have been able to obtain are very meagre, there is one case regarding which, we think, some explanation is due. We refer to that of E. M. Penny, No. 15 on the list, who is described as being one of two children dependent on their mother, who, by her petition admits of being in receipt of £50 a-year on behalf of herself and these two children. This statement was made early last year, at which time the personal effects of the late Bro. Penny were sworn to as being under £1,500. This amount has, however, been amended, and at the present time the Register at the Probate Department of Somerset House gives the amount as being under £3,000, the alteration having been sworn to in February of the present year. There is one question we should like to have answered, does this alteration in any way affect the income of the widow or her children? We also deem it desirable a full statement of the position of the girl seeking admission to our School should be submitted to the voters before the election, as it is pretty evident that she is personally entitled to some share of her parent's property, no matter whether it is payable now or on her attaining her majority. We shall continue our search for further particulars, and may refer again to the subject before the election. We may add that the other child *dependent* on the widow is a lad of 17, and that there are four other children in the family, all of whom have attained the age of 21 years. If any of our readers can put us in the way of obtaining further details we shall be obliged to them. The deceased left no will, and consequently letters of administration have been applied for and granted.

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THIS will be found a necessary companion to every one who takes an interest, be it active or passive, in the game of cricket. We do not know that it contains a larger or more varied array of matter than it did last year. That, however, is owing to the fact that it had already attained to such perfection of accuracy, and was so filled with all requisite details, that the editor would have been puzzled to enlarge or improve upon his programme of contents. The leading articles are worthy of the writers whose names are appended to them severally. Mr. V. E. Walker's diagrams, showing the positions of the men in the field to suit various kinds of bowling, will be found of great service, and there is an ample array of information, statistical and otherwise, such as must have taxed the patience of those concerned to bring together, and will certainly be of the greatest interest to both professionals and amateurs. The Batting and Bowling particulars of the different Clubs and Schools, together with the Laws of Cricket and the Fixtures for the season of 1881, are also furnished. We must offer the editor our hearty congratulations on the admirable manner in which he has fulfilled his arduous duties, as well as on the excellence of the matter he and his coadjutors have contributed or collated.

An entertainment of a highly satisfactory character was given on the 17th inst., at Lusby's Music Hall, Mile End-road, in aid of the funds of the Metropolitan Police Orphanage. Bros. Crowder and Payne, the spirited proprietors of this favourite resort, had provided an array of talent which could not fail to meet with the approbation of the thousands who flocked to their popular establishment. At the close of the entertainment, a large number of the Inspectors and other officers and their wives partook of refreshment in one of the *salles* which this commodious establishment affords. Several toasts were proposed and heartily received. The Chairman, in giving the health of the hosts, Messrs. Crowder and Payne, announced that those gentlemen had given a donation of £25 to the Orphanage Including this sum, the receipts of the concert were about £80.

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A RECORD OF FOUR DAYS' MASONIC WORK AT YORK.

THE ancient spirit which for so many centuries preserved in York the working of symbolic Masonry has not yet died out, and in that old centre there are still to be found a few enthusiastic brethren to whom no labour is too great if its object is to further the interests of the Royal Art in any of its branches. To them it is ever a pleasure when the opportunity occurs for introducing a good and worthy visiting brother into their charmed circle, and such a chance was eagerly embraced last week. Bro. A. M. Broadley, a Mason whose Masonic fame has travelled over the world, and who had before visited York and been worthily welcomed, having signified his willingness to consecrate two new Mark Lodges just warranted in the District of North and East Yorkshire, arrangements were made for a Masonic programme to extend over four days, including the two days of consecration, and the scheme was carried out with the most complete success, the result being a most enjoyable series of Masonic ceremonies and visits exemplifying the working of the rituals in most of the important branches of Masonry.

Work began at York, on the afternoon of Monday the 7th inst., when at 3.30. p.m. an emergency meeting of the Eboracum Conclave of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, No. 137, was held at the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, for the purpose of installing Companion J. A. Bindley, of Burton-on-Trent, P.M. and P.Z., Abbey Lodge and Chapter No. 624. The Conclave was opened by E. Comp. J. S. Cumberland M.P.S., the Viceroy's chair being occupied by E. Comp. T. B. Whytehead P.S., and that of Prelate by E. Comp. A. M. Broadley P.S. Int. Genl. unattached. Amongst the brethren present were also Comp. Geo. Simpson S.G., W. B. Dyson J.G., A. T. B. Turner Prefect, and P. Pearson Sentinel. The ceremony having been performed the M.P.S. on behalf of the Conclave welcomed their Brother A. M. Broadley, who is an honorary member of the Conclave, and expressed the pleasure experienced by the members at seeing him amongst them, accompanied by his friend and their brother the newly installed knight, to which Bro. Broadley responded. After the close of the Conclave the St. Peter Sanctuary and Commandery of St. John were successively opened by Bro. T. B. Whytehead Int. Genl. unattached, and the degrees were conferred upon Comp. J. A. Bindley, after which the Sanctuary and Commandery were closed with the full ceremonial.

The members having retired, reassembled at a high tea and spent a pleasant hour in fraternal intercourse. At half-past six an adjournment was again made to the Lodge rooms, where the members of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, had been called by an emergency summons to exemplify their working in the first degree. Bro. J. T. Seller the W.M. was in the chair, and was supported by his Officers: Bros. C. G. Padel I.P.M., Geo. Simpson S.W., M. Millington J. W., Geo. Balmford P. M. Treas., Jas. Kay Sec., T. Humphries Asst. Sec., A. T. B. Turner S.D., J. Blenkin J.D., W. Girling I.G., O. Marshall Organist, &c. Bro. Broadley was introduced by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. M.C., and was received by the W.M. with a hearty welcome, the brethren loudly expressing their pleasure at once more greeting amongst them one who they are proud to own as an honorary member of the Lodge. The work of the Lodge then proceeded, consisting of the initiation of a candidate, which was very neatly performed.

At its conclusion Bros. A. M. Broadley, J. A. Bindley, and T. B. Whytehead left the Eboracum and drove to the Masonic Hall, where the York Lodge, No. 236, was holding a regular meeting, the work consisting of two initiations and a passing. The passing had been concluded, but the party were in time to witness the initiation, which was done very impressively by the W.M. Bro. M. Rooke, who was supported by Bros. J. Todd P.M. Past Provincial Grand Registrar, A. Buckle P.M. Provincial Grand Deacon, W. H. Gainforth P.M., J. Sykes Rymer S.W., G. Kirby J.W., and a number of other brethren. At nine o'clock the party again took carriage and returned to the quarters of the Eboracum Lodge, where they found the brethren at refreshment, and here a most pleasant evening was passed. A number of toasts were proposed, the most important of which was that of the guests of the evening, which was responded to by Bros. Broadley and Bindley. In his speech Bro. Broadley made some most interesting references to his previous visit, to the interest he felt in York and York Masonry, to which he had been introduced by his friend Bro. Whytehead; to the District of Malta, of which he was a Past Deputy District Grand Master; to the working and progress of Masonry in Tunis, where he resided; and many other topics congenial to the minds of his hearers. At eleven o'clock the party broke up with the Tyler's toast, and after the performance of a number of glees by the Lodge glee party, conducted by Bro. J. S. Cumberland P.M., who is in music, as in ritual, a tower of strength in himself. Just before closing, a collection was made in aid of a poor and distressed brother in the North, which raised the sum of £1 11s.

On the afternoon of the following day (Tuesday, the 8th instant) at 3.30 p.m., the York College of Rosicrucians held a meeting for the purpose of receiving into the M C. Bros. J. A. Bindley of Burton-on-Trent, and C. S. Lane of Hartlepool. R.W. Fra. T. B. Whytehead IX. presided, and there were also present Fratres Rev. W. C. Lukis VII. Suffragan, J. S. Cumberland VII. Treasurer and Secretary, who acted as Celebrant, Walter Rowley VI., Wm. Lawton III., S. Middleton I., A. T. B. Turner II. The aspirants named were received and invested, and the Chief Adept then announced that he had received authority from the Supreme Magus of England to confer the grade of VIII. upon Fra. Broadley for the purpose of enabling him to found a College of the Order in Tunis, and accordingly he had much pleasure in announcing that he had already acted upon that authority, and had conferred that grade upon their worthy frater. This being an emergency meeting, called for special business, nothing further was brought forward, and the M.C. was dissolved, the members afterwards meeting for tea and talk preparatory to the work of the evening.

At six p.m. there was a large gathering of the Order of the Temple at the Masonic Hall, it being the annual installation meeting of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory and Priory of Malta. The Preceptor, the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, had telegraphed that morning his inability to be present, owing to illness in his family, and the chair was accordingly taken by Fra. J. S. Cumberland, the Immediate Past Preceptor, who opened the Preceptory. There were also present amongst the members and visitors Fratres G. Simpson Cons., W. Lawton P.E.P., Sir James Meek P.E.P.,, T. B. Whytehead P.E.P. P.G. Captain of Guards, J. W. Woodall P.E.P. G.St.B., G. Althorp P.E.P. Bradford, T. Monckman P.E.P. Bradford; E.P.'s J. L. Atherton Bradford, S. Middleton Scarborough, C. Rutter Fry Darlington; G. Roper, Rev. W. C. Lukis Fidelity, J. A. Bindley Melita, S. F. Bousfield Royal Kent, T. Ness Darlington, J. G. Wilson, T. W. Wilson, M. Millington, and A. T. B. Turner. Allusion was made to the decease of the Sub-Prior of the Province, Fra J. F. Holder, of Hull, and the acting E.P., in the name of the Preceptory, congratulated Fra. J. W. Woodall upon his nomination by the Provincial Prior, Lord Londesborough, as Sub Prior. Fra. Woodall thanked the Knights, and said that he fully intended to make an effort to revive the Order in the Province if possible, and that he hoped to hold a Provincial Priory at Scarborough in the autumn, when the Provincial Prior would be present. Fra. J. S. Cumberland having vacated the Throne, Fra. T. B. Whytehead P.G.C.G. assumed the baton, and proceeded to instal the E.P. elect, Fra. George Simpson, who having been duly saluted, appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Fras. Rev. J. E. M. Young Constable, M. Millington Marshal, T. B. Whytehead Reg. and Treas., J. S. Cumberland Sub Marshal, A. T. B. Turner Standard Bearer, T. W. Wilson Sword Bearer, J. F. Taylor C.G., P. Pearson Equerry. The alms were collected, amounting to £1 13s 9d, and at the request of Fra. Whytehead, it was decided to forward the amount to a distressed brother in Gateshead, whose case was stated to be very sad. The Preceptory was then closed, and a Priory of Malta was opened in full and ample form. The five Officers in the East were—E. Fras. A. M. Broadley E.P. Prov. Grand Chancellor of the Mediterranean, J. W. Woodall C.G., J. S. Cumberland L.G., George Simpson 1st L., S. Middleton 2nd L., the Rev. W. C. Lukis acting as Prelate. The Officers at the Octagon Table were Fratres T. B. Whytehead Marshal, J. A. Bindley Hospitaller, C. Rutter Fry Admiral, J. L. Atherton Constable, G. Althorp Baillie, A. T. B. Turner Luroop, M. Millington Chancellor, and T. Ness Treasurer. Fra. S. F. Bousfield acted as C. of O. Fratres Sir James Meek, William Lawton, Colonel J. G. Wilson, and G. Roper having been accepted as candidates, were conducted to the Guard Chamber, and received the Mediterranean Pass, and thence passed the five banners, conducted by Fra. T. B. Whytehead, and finally were received and installed members of the Order by Fra. A. M. Broadley, who subsequently delivered a long, eloquent, and interesting oration, embracing not only the history of the Order, but other points of elucidation not usually touched upon. Many good wishes having been expressed by the Visitors, the Priory was closed, and the York Knights entertained their guests at supper. Many toasts were honoured, including that of Prosperity to the Preceptory, Fras. Broadley and Woodall both expressing their pleasure in seeing its vitality, and the latter alluding to a scheme on foot, projected by Fra. Whytehead, for still further increasing its effectiveness and usefulness in Masonic good works. At a late hour the Knights separated, amid mutual good wishes.

On Wednesday morning a party of the brethren were entertained at breakfast, at the Queen's Hotel, by Bros. Bindley and Broadley, preparatory to a railway journey to Middlesborough, a town on the river Tees, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating a Mark Lodge. About noon the party arrived in Middlesborough, and found their way to the Masonic Hall, where Bro. J. S. Cumberland, acting as D.C., proceeded to make arrangements for the ceremony. At two o'clock the Middlesborough brethren assembled, as well as Visitors from Newcastle, Darlington, and Stockton. The work began by the opening of a Mark Lodge by Bro. A. M. Broadley, Prov. G. Master of Tunis and Malta, by deputation from the G.M.M.M. of England. The Senior Warden's chair was occupied by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M., and the Junior Warden's chair by Bro. Rev. W. C. Lukis W.M. York Lodge (T.I.) Bro. S. Middleton P.M. Star in the East Lodge (Scarborough) acted as M.O., and Bro. J. S. Cumberland S.W. York Lodge (T.I.) as S.D. Bros. O. Marshall and J. E. Wilkinson of York carried out the musical arrangements most effectively. The first business was the advancement of a number of candidates, which was performed by Bro. J. M. Meek P.M. of the Darlington Mark Lodge and W.M. designate of the Middlesborough Lodge. The R.W. Bro. A. M. Broadley then proceeded with the Consecration ceremony, Bro. J. W. Woodall P.G.M.O. acting as Chaplain. The oration, which was delivered by the Consecrating Officer, was a masterly piece of Masonic oratory, in which the history, teaching, associations, and influence of the degree were all touched upon, and our only regret was that no shorthand writer was present in order to preserve a record of what would have been a valuable and instructive paper, but which, being delivered *extempore*, we have no means of placing before our readers. At the conclusion of the consecration the chair was assumed by W. Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. York Lodge (T.I.), who proceeded to instal the W.M. designate, Bro. J. M. Meek P.M., and afterwards to proclaim him the first W. Master of the Middlesborough Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 276. The Officers were appointed. The W.M. then closed his Lodge, and most of the Brethren and Visitors adjourned to the Queen's Hotel, where they partook of a good dinner at a moderate charge. The toast list was brief, the W.M. giving the Queen, the Grand M.M.M. and Grand Lodge, responded to by Bros. A. M. Broadley Prov. G.M. of Malta and Tunis, and by Bro. J. W. Woodall P.G.M.O.; the Consecrating Officers, responded to by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M.; the Visiting Brethren, responded to by Bro. Strahan Deputy Prov. G. Master Northumberland and Durham. Bro. Woodall proposed Success to the New Lodge, and Bro. Broadley proposed the Health of the W.M. At 7.30 Bro. Broadley and his friends took their departure for York.

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On Thursday morning, the 10th inst., at 10 a.m., there was another muster of Mark Masons at York Station, and a pleasant departure was effected for Malton, a prosperous country town about twenty miles distant, where a new Mark Lodge, with the title of the Fitzwilliam Lodge, No. 277, has just been warranted. A pleasant run of half an hour brought the party to Malton Station, where they were met and cordially welcomed by the W.M. designate of the new Lodge and several other Malton brethren, and escorted by them to the Masonic Hall, where they found everything in excellent order, and the Lodge set out for the ceremony, as well as light refreshment for those who had breakfasted early. After a short interval of arrangements, the visitors were conducted by their hosts through the quaint old town, and were shown the church and other objects of interest. At twelve o'clock they were entertained by the Malton brethren at lunch at the Talbot Hotel. At two o'clock the ceremonies commenced by a Mark Lodge being opened by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, after which the Consecrating Officer was received with Grand Honours, and a goodly number of candidates were advanced by him. The following is a list of candidates:—Bros. A. J. Taylor, J. W. Marshall, A. W. Walker, J. D. Dodsworth, T. M. Goldie, W. Heckley, M. F. W. Williamson, J. B. Nicholls, K. Wandby, T. C. Walker, F. Walton, and W. Newby. Bro. T. B. Whytehead acted as S.W., W. C. Lukis as J.W., S. Middleton as M.O., J. S. Cumberland as S.D., and the other chairs were occupied by brethren from York and Malton. The consecration ceremony was performed most ably and impressively, and the oration was given by R.W. Bro. A. M. Broadley, whose eloquence and elegance of diction was the theme of universal admiration. He congratulated the brethren on the circumstance of their all being members of the same Craft Lodge (Camalodunum, No. 660), which he trusted would be a symbol of unitedness in working and aim. He trusted the Mark and Craft Lodges would work in harmony, and alluded to the fact of the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master of the Craft in England occupying the office of Grand M.M. Mason, and Colonel Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary filling the chair of Grand Junior Warden in the Mark this year, proving that a feeling of complete amity existed between the two Grand bodies. This ceremony having been concluded, the chair was taken by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M., of York, who proceeded to instal the W.M. designate, Bro. J. Marshall, in a very able manner. The W.M. having been saluted and greeted by the brethren, appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. J. Staniland P.M. 660 S.W., S. Chadwick J.W., A. J. Taylor M.O., J. W. Marshall W.M. 660 J.O., A. W. Walker Treasurer, J. D. Dodsworth S.D., S. M. Goldie J.D., W. Heckley Organist, M. F. W. Williamson D.C., J. B. Nicholls I.G., A. Russell Registrar of Marks, K. Wandby Tyler. Before closing the Lodge, the W.M. proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officers, who had taken so much pains on their account, and moved that Bros. A. M. Broadley, J. W. Woodall, T. B. Whytehead, and J. S. Cumberland be elected honorary members of the Fitzwilliam Lodge, which was carried by acclamation. Those brethren returned thanks individually for the compliment, and said the labour had been one of love, and that the fraternal courtesy, energy, and hospitality exhibited by the brethren of the Malton Lodge had far more than compensated them for any trouble they had been put to. After the close of the Lodge, the Malton brethren again entertained their visitors at a high tea at the Talbot Hotel, after which a number of toasts were proposed and honoured, and a most fraternal evening was past, enlivened by songs and glees excellently rendered. At an early hour the fraternal chain was formed, and the brethren joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne," the York visitors being accompanied to the station by a warm-hearted party of their entertainers. Amongst the visitors and brethren present we also noticed Bros. R. H. Peacock P.M. (Scarborough), R. V. Powley P.M. (Scarborough), A. T. B. Turner (York), M. Millington (York), W. B. Dyson (York), J. Verity (Scarborough), T. Clough (Malton), J. T. Foster (York), &c.

Thus ended four days of real Masonic work, thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part in the labour. The arrangements were planned by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, of York, who received every possible aid from all concerned in successfully carrying out the programme. Both Mark Consecrations were greatly indebted for their success to Bro. J. S. Cumberland S.W. York Lodge (T.I.), who was deputed by the Consecrating Officer to act as Director of Ceremonies, and who performed the duties of his responsible office with that diligence and excellence for which he is deservedly known. It would, however, be invidious to particularise when all worked so heartily in a good cause—that of the good of Masonry, which must certainly be advanced by such a series of meetings as those we have recorded.

PORTSMOUTH LODGE, No. 487.

THE brethren of this Lodge met at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, on Thursday, 10th inst., for the purpose of witnessing the ceremony of installing Bro. T. P. Palsgrave S.W. as W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was carried out in a most effective and perfect manner by Bro. H. Threadingham P.P.G.S.W., the retiring W.M., in presence of a very large number of members of the Craft. After the ceremony of installation, the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. H. Threadingham I.P.M., R. W. Beale S.W., W. M. Outridge J.W., A. Cudlip P.M. Treas., W. E. Atkins Sec., F. Meredith Assist. Sec., E. Groves P.M. D.C., H. T. Cecill Assist. D.C., H. P. Holley S.D., F. H. De Rheims J.D., G. Dean I.G., G. Pearman Organist, Cowd Steward, F. Benham Assist. Steward, Exell and Smith Tylers. The W.M. then proposed a special vote of thanks to Bro. H. Threadingham I.P.M. for his able conduct in the chair during his year of office, and for the most excellent manner in which he had carried out the ceremony of installation that day. He afterwards presented to Bro. Threadingham, in the name of the Lodge, a handsome biscuit box, ornamented on each side with pastoral scenes, in oxydised silver in relief on gold ground. The box, which had been subscribed for by members of the Lodge, was manufactured and supplied by Messrs. Moses and Co., the Hard, Portsea. On the box the following was inscribed:—Presented to Bro. Henry Threadingham I.P.M. P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, by the Brethren of the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487, as a token of their esteem and hearty appreciation of his valuable services in the interests of the Lodge during his second year of office, terminating 10th March 1881." A vote of thanks was also unanimously passed to Bro. Mark E. Frost P.M. P.G. Treas., and Bro. J. Astridge P.P.G.P., for their services to the Lodge, they having for some years acted as Hon. Secretaries. Bro. Frost had occupied the position for a period of seventeen years, and now resigned to make room for a younger man. Bro. J. Astridge relinquished his duty as Assistant Secretary, having removed from the town. The musical portion of the installation ceremony was efficiently performed by a choir composed of Bros. Pearman, R. W. Downing, J. W. Dyson, G. Grant, T. Batchelor, and J. Howell. At the conclusion of the business about sixty of the brethren sat down to a *récherché* banquet provided by Bro. George Bond.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No 1426.

THE last meeting of this Lodge for the season was held on Saturday evening, 12th March, at the Cannon Street Hotel. Bro. Thomas Hamer W.M. presided, supported by his Officers, amongst whom were Bros. Headon P.M. Treasurer, Blackie P.M. Secretary, several Past Masters, a goodly muster of the members, and the following visitors:—Bros. Rossignol 1672, Eastgate 1563, Hart 1872, Lawrence 1804, Vernon 25, Reed 1572, Mariner 1669, Southcott 733, Randell 145, Rafter 154, R. J. Smith 34, Hackvale 1635, W. J. Buck 1702, and W. Perceval 78. Lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree; Bro. James Lodge was examined as to his proficiency in the science and the examination proving satisfactory, he withdrew. The Lodge was then advanced to the third degree, and he was impressively raised to the degree of M.M. The Lodge was then resumed to the first degree, when the bye-laws were read by Bro. N. B. Headon, the Treasurer. The next business was the election of a W.M. for the ensuing year, and on a ballot being taken, it resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Charles Taylor S.W., who, in a few brief sentences, thanked the brethren for the honour conferred upon him. The next business to be transacted was the election of a Treasurer for the ensuing twelve months, and there was also a unanimous vote in favour of Bro. N. B. Headon P.M., although that worthy brother disclaimed any idea that the Treasurership of a Lodge should ever be considered as a freehold; he was quite willing to stand aside, and give way to any brother who sought to take the office; if any did so, he would render him any assistance in his power in the discharge of the duties. As Bro. Headon has given the greatest satisfaction for some years past, it is almost unnecessary to say that no one came forward to dispute with him the honour he uniformly had so well deserved. Bro. Steedman P.M. was also re-elected Tyler of the Lodge. The Audit Committee was next appointed. The installation of the new W.M. and appointment of Officers will not take place until the meeting of the Lodge in October next. The next business was a motion by Bro. N. B. Headon, of which he had given notice at the last Lodge, "That the sum of twenty-five guineas be voted from the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and be placed on the Worshipful Master's list, who as Steward will represent the Lodge on that occasion. The motion was seconded and unanimously agreed to. Bro. Headon then moved, also pursuant to notice, "That the sum of twenty-five guineas be voted from the Benevolent Fund to assist the orphan children of the late Bro. William Jackson, who was a member of the Lodge; and that the said sum be entrusted to the Treasurer to expend, as he may see fit, after consultation with the friends of the children." Bro. Greening seconded the motion, which was also unanimously agreed to. Bro. Stanway P.M. moved, "That the usual P.M.'s jewel be presented to the W. Master on the termination of his year of office." This was also unanimously agreed to. Some communications, and a proposition for initiation, having been received, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining hall for refreshment. This having been disposed of and the cloth withdrawn, the W. Master gave the formal Loyal and Masonic toasts. In reference to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, he commented on the great strides Freemasonry had made since the time when His Royal Highness assumed the office of Grand Master at the Royal Albert Hall, and the anxiety he had at all times displayed to do everything in his power for the benefit of the Craft. Bro. Blackie I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., said that although he had come up to that position sooner than was anticipated, Bro. Hamer had done the work as well as any Master who had preceded him, and he asked the brethren to join with him in drinking the toast. The W. Master, in acknowledging the same, expressed his grateful thanks to the brethren for drinking his health with such cordiality, and remarked that it was a great pleasure to serve any office in The Great City Lodge, for while he had been in it he had made many acquaintances, and he believed that he enjoyed friendships that only death would sever. When he commenced the duties of the chair he felt the responsibility, as he knew how the work had been done by preceding Masters; although he could only attempt to emulate them, he had to the best of his ability endeavoured to promote the welfare of the Lodge, which he would continue to do when he joined the rank of Past Masters, and then he hoped to make up for any shortcomings on his part during the time he occupied the chair. He would endeavour to do so, and again thanked them all for the very kind manner in which he had always been received in The Great City Lodge. The W. Master then gave the health of Bro. Charles Taylor W. Master elect; he was sure that every member wished him success in the duties which, for the next twelve months, would

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devolve upon him. Bro. Taylor returned thanks, and said that from the time of his initiation in the Lodge he had aspired to fill the position which was now so ably occupied by their Worshipful Master. He should continue to attend The Great City Lodge of Instruction, where was laid the foundation of his Masonic knowledge, and thus was he qualified to be appointed one of the Junior Officers. There was no telling what might happen between then and next October, but he hoped that the circumstances would be such as to enable him to take his position as W. Master of the Lodge with a desire to maintain its dignity, he hoped with some credit to himself, by attention to the comfort of the members, and endeavouring to maintain the excellent working of the Lodge. The W. Master wished to call the attention of the members for a few minutes to the forthcoming soirée, for which there were twenty Stewards, who had all worked hard. It was now beyond a doubt that this soirée would prove a great success, for a large number of tickets had been applied for, and as there were only a few on hand any one who wanted them should apply at once. The next toast given was that of The Visitors, for which the greater part of them responded; expressing the gratification they had experienced in visiting The Great City Lodge. Some other toasts were given and responded to. It was announced in the course of the evening that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales had granted a dispensation to allow the members to wear their Craft clothing and jewels at the forthcoming soirée of the Lodge, on the 26th inst. The Tyler's toast brought a very successful meeting to a close at about eleven o'clock.

HAWTON LODGE, No. 100.

THE annual meeting of the above Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held on 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Ivybridge, when Bro. Frank Pratt P.G.S.B., who had been previously elected, was installed as the W.M. This ceremony was well performed by Worshipful Bro. Thomas Searle P.P.G.A.D.C., assisted by a Board of Installed Masters, consisting of Worshipful Bros. H. Cole P.M. P.P.G.O., Samuel Jew P.M. 50 P.P.G.M.O., J. P. Sawyer P.P.G.S.O., W. Boxall P.M. P P.G.P., J. R. H. Harris W.M. 91. The Officers appointed were—Bros. J. P. Sawyer I.P.M., W. H. Mackay S.W., Richard Lavers J.W., Henry Cole P.M. Treasurer, Thomas Searle Secretary, G. Grills M.O., Richard King jun. S.O., W. Boxall J.O., T. D. Ford Tyler.

ERME LODGE, 1091.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge, was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at their new hall in Ivybridge. There was a large attendance. Amongst those present at the ceremonies, and who formed also the Board of Installed Masters, were the Retiring Master, Bro. W. H. Mackay (who ably performed the ceremony of installing his successor, assisted by W. Bro. T. Searl P.M.), and W. Bros. S. Jew P.M. 105, J. B. Gover P.M. 70, F. Pratt P.M. 1396, Henry Cole P.M., John P. Sawyer I.P.M., W. Boxall P.M., Richard Cawsey P.M. Treasurer 230, James R. H. Harris I.P.M. 230, Richard Ellis W.M. 230, S. Sandover P.M., James Gidley P.M. 156, Capt. Westhead P.M. 710, R. Grylls W.M. 202. Treasurer's account was read. It showed that, after large payments for furniture, consequent on the recent removal to new premises, and of donation to the Devon Educational Fund, there was a balance of about £13 in hand, with dues outstanding about same amount in favour of the Lodge. This account was received and adopted. After a discussion it was unanimously resolved, "That it is desirable that a lasting memorial should be raised to the late P.P.G. Master, the Rev. John Huyshe, M.A., P.G. Chaplain of England, and that the best form for the memorial to take would be to found a 'Huyshe Scholarship' in connection with the 'Devon Masonic Educational Fund.'" It was also unanimously resolved that a sufficient sum be given from the Lodge to make it a Governor, with five votes at each election. The Officers for the ensuing year are:—Bros. Richard Lavers W.M., W. H. Mackay I.P.M., Thomas D. Ford S.W., George H. Grills J.W., Henry Cole P.M. P.G.S. Treasurer, Richard King junior Secretary, John Cobbledick S.D., Richard King sen. J.D., James Horton D.C., George Smallridge A.D.C., Alfred S. Coyte O., Francis Henwood I.G., William Velvin S.S., Richard Saunders J.S., John G. Ford Tyler. W. Bro. W. H. Mackay was elected at a former meeting the Representative on the Committee of Petitions for the Province of Devon. In the name, and by vote of, the Lodge, the I.P.M. presented to Bro. T. S. Ford, the S.W., a very handsome Masonic apron. Several brethren were proposed for initiation, but it was an almost unprecedented occurrence for a newly-installed Master to propose three of his sons, with a probable prospect of three others to come when of mature age. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned for the annual banquet, at Bro. Sandover's, Erme Hotel. The dinner was all that could be desired, and thoroughly enjoyed by all who were privileged to be present. The W. Master Bro. Lavers presided, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured—that of the Master received with especial enthusiasm. The festivity was enlivened with appropriate songs. A special toast was the health of the host (Bro. Sandover) and hostess, and they were heartily thanked for their abundant hospitality and careful attention to the comforts of their guests. In addition to the Past Masters already named, and the Officers appointed, there were present Bros. W. H. Hunt J.W. 1205, M. Baker, J. Arthur, T. Barons, and W. Conway.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On 15th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston. Bros. Wallington W.M., Polak S.W., Glass J.W., Edwards S.D., Clark J.D., Christian I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., Brasted acting Preceptor, Smyth Treasurer; Bros. Collins, Dignam, &c. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Dignam candidate, the W.M. giving the Traditional History. Bro. Christian worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed to the first degree, and Bro. Polak was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

ST. JOHN'S, No. 1343.

THE Installation meeting of this thoroughly genial and worthy and worshipful Lodge of Freemasons was held on Tuesday, the 15th instant, at the King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex. Bro. F. J. Ash W.M. presided, and was numerously supported by his Officers and the members, as well as by the following visitors, namely, Bros. T. J. Ralling Prov. Grand Secretary, A. Lucking Prov. D.C., and James Eltham Prov. G. Purs. Essex; R. H. Blygh 1136, G. Berry W.M. 1,000, E. W. Walter W.M. 554, W. Hicks 483, G. Glasscock 1817, J. C. Biggs S.W. 77, H. Mills 257, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, and J. C. Minchin 972. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the Report of the Audit Committee, which showed the finances of the Lodge were in an excellent state, was submitted and approved. Bro. Ash then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Godwin P.M., by whom Bro. Charles Potter, after he had been interrogated to the satisfaction of the brethren and entrusted, was passed to the degree of F.C. A ballot was taken for Mr. Alwyne Hills Arden, of Stanford-le-Hope Brewery, and that gentleman was accepted, but not initiated. This cleared the way for the especial business of the day—the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. E. Sturgeon, the officiating Master being Brother Alfred Sturgeon P.M. After the usual preliminary observances, and the retirement of all brethren below the rank of I.M., a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. E. Sturgeon was most ably installed into the chair of K.S. by the acting President of the Board. In due course, the new W. Master appointed and invested his Officers for the year, namely, Bros. F. Sackett S.W., Bartlett J.W., A. Sturgeon P.M. Treasurer, W. Sackett Secretary, Wingrove S.D., Kigg J.D., Norris I.G., Martin Tyler. There then devolved on Bro. E. Sturgeon the agreeable duty of presenting to his predecessor, Bro. Ash I.P.M., a handsome P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted that brother by the Lodge in testimony of his able services in the chair during the past year; and in the fulfilment of this duty, the W.M. paid Bro. Ash many a well-deserved compliment, for the zeal, assiduity, and geniality he had exhibited, and expressed the very natural hope that he might long remain an honoured member of the Lodge. The gift having been suitably acknowledged, and Bro. Sturgeon having responded to the vote of thanks passed to him for his services as Installing Master, what other business remained was despatched, and Lodge was closed. The brethren then sat down to an excellent banquet, which did great credit to the host, Bro. J. A. Cuming, and on the removal of the cloth the customary toasts of the Queen and Craft, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., and the Grand Officers present and past, were given and honoured. The toast of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Lord Tenterden, K.C.B., the Deputy Provincial G. Master Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers was most cordially received, and as cordially responded to by Bro. Ralling P. Grand Secretary, who gave expression to the satisfaction generally felt throughout the Province at the appointment of his Lordship. The noble Lord's official duties of necessity prevented him from visiting the Lodges very frequently, but he took a deep interest in their welfare, and there was no doubt that, since his Lordship's installation, Freemasonry in Essex had made very great progress. He also paid a compliment to Bro. Philbrick D.P.G.M., who, in his opinion, would be found a most worthy and zealous assistant to Lord Tenterden, and would be more highly appreciated by the brethren the more his opportunities of becoming acquainted with them increased. To Bro. Ash I.P.M. was entrusted the toast of the W.M.—a task as easy as it was agreeable to fulfil. Bro. E. Sturgeon, he pointed out, was in every way worthy of the honour they had conferred upon him. He not only possessed the zeal and ability to discharge his many and arduous duties as their W. Master, but he was likewise a most genial and hospitable man, and he (Bro. Ash) felt sure the Lodge would flourish increasingly during his year of office. After briefly returning thanks for both the friendly manner in which the I.P.M. had proposed his health, and the hearty reception it had met with at the hands of all present, Bro. E. Sturgeon proposed the toast of the Past Masters, who, he felt confident, would extend towards him the same kindly and courteous offices they had habitually rendered to his predecessors, and, in associating with the toast the name of Bro. Ash, he again spoke in terms of eulogy of that brother's services in the chair during the past year. To the health of the Visitors, which was most cordially received, replies by several of them were made, one and all concurring in the expression of their belief that in no Lodge could they have experienced a heartier or more hospitable welcome. With the toast of the Charities was connected the name of Bro. Godwin P.M., who, after an able recitation by Bro. W. W. Morgan—"The Wreck of the Indian Chief,"—observed, in reply, that, in supporting their noble Institutions, the Craft was giving a practical illustration of their faith in the grand ruling principles of Charity, which indeed was the very heart and soul of Freemasonry. He cordially thanked the Worshipful Master for having associated his name with the toast, and expressed the hope that the Lodge would make a point of being represented at each successive Anniversary Festival. The other toasts followed, and the brethren dispersed at a seasonable hour, well satisfied with the events of the day. We cannot close this notice without expressing our hearty thanks for the great hospitality shown to ourselves and all the visitors, both in and without the Lodge; nor was it the fault of the Lodge that the number of their guests was comparatively small. The Provincial Grand Master, his Deputy, the Provincial Grand Treasurer and Secretary, and the Worshipful Masters and Secretaries of the adjacent Lodges, all had received invitations to be present; but it was only in the power of a few among them to accept. Still, everything passed off with an éclat which must have been most gratifying to the members of the Lodge. Even the Clerk of the Weather must have been under the genial influence of Freemasonry, and was in more brilliant form than he usually is in this country at this season of the year.

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Brecknock Lodge, No. 651.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 15th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Brecon. Present—Bros. J. A. Whittle W.M., John Morgan S.W., T. H. Price Treasurer, E. H. Teale Secretary, Rhys Davies S.D., H. C. Rich jun. J.D., Robert Owen and E. T. Edwards Stewards, T. H. Price I.G., Henry Martin Tyler; P.M. Richard Webb. The business consisted in balloting for, as rejoining member, Bro. E. A. Wright; to initiate Mr. Francis Henry Shepherd; to pass Bro. Henry Martin; to consider notice of motion from Bro. Grundy I.P.M., respecting future remuneration of Tyler; to further consider the desirability of forming a Benevolent Fund in connection with the Lodge; to vote a sum of money towards the relief of the widow of a deceased brother. After the close of the Lodge the brethren spent a couple of hours in social intercourse.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday, 11th inst., at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, Bros. F. Botley W.M., Monson S.W., Maton J.W., Blasby S.D., Dorey J.D., C. E. Botley I.G., Roe P.M. Preceptor, Gomm P.M., Gunner Hon. Sec., Kent, Daniell, Lucas, &c. Lodge was opened and minutes were read and confirmed. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Lucas candidate, who afterwards answered questions leading to second degree and retired. Lodge advanced to second, and Bro. Sperring acted as candidate for the rehearsal of the ceremony of the second degree. Bros. Sperring and Daniell answered questions leading to third degree. Lodge closed to first degree, when Bro. Monson was elected W.M. for 1st April, 18th March being Officers' night, and 25th March regular meeting of the mother Lodge. Lodge was closed, and meeting adjourned till 18th March at 8 o'clock p.m.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 9th March, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Bros. Ferguson W.M., J. Early Danks I.P.M., Blackwell S.W., R. Dowsett J.W., Stransom Treas., Ivey P.M. Sec., Honey S.D., Hawkes J.D., Ravenscroft Steward, Prickett I.G., Newman Almoner, Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Hurley, Welch, Brown. Visitors—Bros. Withers Sec. 414, Grant 414. Lodge was opened. Previous to commencing the business the W.M. announced that Bro. Hickie, Organist, owing to severe domestic affliction, was unavoidably absent; he had therefore to ask Bro. Ravenscroft to fill Bro. Hickie's place. The minutes of the last regular Lodge and Lodge of Emergency were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's accounts as audited by the permanent Committee were passed, with congratulations upon the efficient manner in which the accounts and finances were kept. The ballot was taken for Mr. Robert Lowden Cotterell, who was declared to be elected and was initiated into Freemasonry. Mr. Edwin Whitfield was also balloted for and initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Greenaway, a candidate, answered the usual questions satisfactorily, was entrusted, and retired. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Greenaway was passed. The W.M. read a communication from the Hervey Memorial Committee, but any discussion on the subject was deferred for want of time; he also announced that, accompanied by his Wardens and the Secretary, he had the honour of attending Grand Lodge, and was much impressed by the beautiful ceremonies of that august assembly. Mr. Marmaduke Sands was proposed as a candidate for initiation by P.M. Brown, seconded by P.M. Welch. The labours of the evening being ended, Lodge was closed according to ancient form.

Burdett-Coutts Lodge of Instruction, Lodge, No. 1278.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 16th inst., at the Lamb Tavern, Bethnal-green Junction. Present:—Bros. Chitson W.M., Clark S.W., Stewart J.W., Hand Secretary, Abrahams S.D., Ward J.D., Quay I.G. Visitors—Bros. Gaskill, Hammond, Coote, Sturtevant, &c. Lodge opened; minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Coote answered questions leading to the third degree, and retired. Bro. Sturtevant was duly entrusted. The W.M. opened Lodge in third degree, and rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Sturtevant candidate. Lodge resumed to first degree. Bro. Clarke worked the fourth section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge adjourned till Wednesday next, 23rd inst., when the Fifteen Sections will be worked, Bro. Cundick P.M. 1421 to preside.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, E., on Tuesday last. Bro. Smith W.M. elect 860 in the chair, Worsley Secretary S.W., Ives J.W., Pavitt acting Preceptor S.D., Rawe W.M. elect 1076 J.D., Saunders W.S. 860 I.G.; also present Bros. Wyld, Roddam, Brownsom, White, Forsyth, Spencer, Payne, Watkins, Knopp, Risley 69, Batt 1076, Saunders, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Wyld answered the necessary questions. Lodge opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Bro. Worsley worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge closed to the first degree, and Bro. Worsley was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when he will work the Fifteen Sections. The following brethren were unanimously elected members:—Payne 1065, Risley 69, Batt 1076, Saunders 860.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—Held at Bro. Stevenson's, the Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, on 7th inst. Bro. Seymour-Clarke presided as W.M., supported by Bros. J. Aspinall P.M. as I.P.M., Robson S.W., Goddard J.W., McDonald, Loring, Kimbell, Hildreth, Winsor, and others. Lodge being opened and the minutes read, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., who afterwards worked the first and second sections of the lecture, and Bro. McDonald worked the third section, both being assisted by the brethren. Bro. Robson was elected W.M. for Monday next, at 8 p.m. Lodge was closed in due form.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on 10th instant. Bros. H. E. Tucker W.M., J. Green S.W., F. Botley J.W., J. J. Gunner S.D., J. W. Fisher J.D., J. Wells I.G., C. O. Walter, T. M. Mitchell, C. Cunningham. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. C. O. Walter candidate. Lodge opened in the second, and the ceremony of that degree was rehearsed, Bro. Mitchell candidate. This brother answered the questions prior to reception in the third. Lodge was resumed. Bro. Cunningham was elected a member.

On Thursday, 17th inst. Present—Bros. Green W.M., F. Botley S.W., Jones J.W., C. E. Botley S.D., Wilkinson J.D., Smith I.G., Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, Wells Secretary; Bros. H. Stephens, and C. Bellerby. Lodge was opened and minutes read, confirmed, and signed. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Bellerby candidate. Bro. F. Botley was elected W.M. for next meeting.

Kings Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—The regular meeting was held on the 6th instant, at Bro. Devine's, Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square. Bros. J. Edwards W.M., F. Silvester S.W., Burgess J.W., L. Jacobs S.D., B. Kauffmann J.D., N. Vallentine I.G., Devine Treasurer, L. Solomon Secretary, and J. Hemming Preceptor. Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. The first, second, and fourth sections of the first lecture were worked. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Solomon acting as candidate. A distressed Brother was relieved from the funds. A vote of thanks was accorded to the presiding W.M., Bro. Edwards, for the able manner in which he for the first time had occupied the chair, the same to be recorded on the minutes. This was also supplemented by very flattering remarks from several brethren. Bro. Tribbel W.M. 1287 was elected a member. The Secretary announced that the Fifteen Sections would be worked on the 27th inst. Bro. Silvester was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge of Instruction was then adjourned.

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VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, TOM PINCH. At 9.15, DIVORCE.

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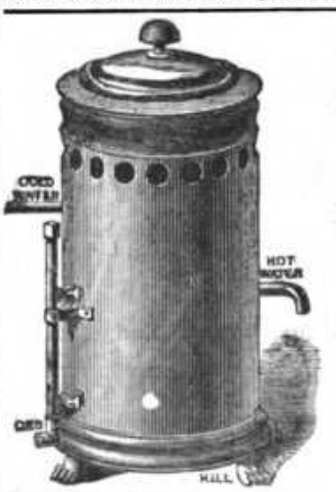
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THE village of Carshalton was all astir on Thursday last, the day fixed for the above interesting ceremony. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master of English Freemasons,—on the Petition of Bros. Charles Sawyer P.M. 1619, John G. Horsey 186 P.M. 1619, William Pile 1619, Thomas Carder 1619, J. W. Baldwin 1692, W. Russell Crowe P.M. 190, W. Harwood 1619, and E. Dickman 1619,—had been graciously pleased to grant a Warrant, and, in due course, the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain of England, and Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, had been deputed to act as Consecrating and Installing Officer. The Grand Officers and brethren of the Province assembled in considerable strength at the Public Hall, Carshalton, a capacious building admirably adapted for the business of the day. Amongst those present to support the Deputy Prov. Grand Master were Bros. S. G. Kirchhoffer P.G.S.W., George K. Saxon P.G.J.W., Rev. F. J. Foakes-Jackson P.G. Chaplain, George Price P.G. Treasurer, Charles Greenwood G.S.B. P.G. Secretary, H. E. Frances P.G.D. of C., F. Buckland P.G.S.D., Edwin D. Frost P.G.J.D., Charles Greenwood jun. P.G. Reg., R. W. Price P.G. Supt. of Works, James Squire P.P.G.S.B., G. C. Barry Past G. Organist, F. Frost and T. Vincent Prov. G. Stewards, R. Crowe 569 P.P.G.P. Essex; also Bros. Edward Mitchell W.M. 720, E. W. Whittaker S.D. 1790, G. Lambert J.W. 720, W. Gunner S.W. 720, W. Rudge J.W. 1680, G. Mitchell Sec. 1619, W. Wainwright P.M. 933, George Holmes 1619, E. A. Hand S.W. 1619, Henry Gates 1790, J. H. Hamilton W.M. 1506, John S. Streeter S.W. 463, Hugh Robertson 534, W. P. Catterson 548, E. J. S. Gillemand 720, S. P. Catterson W.M. 548, L. Mesronze P.M. 1238, W. T. Folks 507, W. H. Hook P.M. 186, G. W. Filmer 176, W. Golding 357, J. Carder 1619, F. Frost 463, J. Hooke J.W. 463, Thos. Bartlett 1347, J. C. Arlidge J.D. 1638, J. W. Comb P.M. 548, R. Davies 1673, W. E. Williams P.M. 162, Richard R. Davis Past Master 250, H. Potter 1347, Henry Potter Worshipful Master 1347, Cyrus White 1790, C. A. Blogg Org. 720, and W. W. Morgan Sec. 211. The brethren having assembled, a procession was formed. Bro. Arnold requested the Grand Wardens of the Province—Bros. Kirchhoffer and Saxon—to take their respective chairs. The Lodge was then formally opened to the third degree, and the D.G.M. addressed the brethren. He forcibly impressed on them how requisite it was to be certain that those who might express a desire to join the Lodge possessed the requisite qualifications to make them acceptable members. Freemasonry, he said, was largely extending, and the time had arrived when General Brownrigg the Provincial Grand Master desired to see its further extension checked. He urged the brethren associated with the new Lodge to be especially mindful in their selection of candidates. The Charities of the Order were large, but the demands on them were considerably on the increase. Far too many have already joined the Order who have been inspired by unworthy motives, and it behoves us all to be ever on the alert to stop this. He then explained the nature of the business for which they were assembled. The Petition and Warrant were read by the Prov. G. Secretary, and the brethren having signified their approval of the Officers therein named, a Lodge was formally constituted. The Consecrating Officer then called on the Prov. Grand Chaplain Bro. Foakes-Jackson, who delivered the following Oration on the Nature and Principle of Freemasonry:—

The present ceremony is of great importance to every true lover of Masonry. Those who are members of older Lodges cannot fail to be interested in the establishment of a new one. For every Lodge that is added to the already large number now existing is a proof of the strength and vitality of Freemasonry. The presence of the Provincial Grand Lodge is a testimony to the interest felt by all Masons in proceedings like those of to-day. There can, in my opinion, be no system more calculated to maintain the bond of Masonic union throughout the country than the present one, by which all Lodges in each Province are united in the Provincial Grand Lodge and the Provincial Grand Lodges in the Grand Lodge of England. No Lodge is suffered to become isolated, and the interchange of sentiments of goodwill among Masons is encouraged. All the elder Lodges in this Province unite in good wishes for the prosperity of the Wallington Lodge, and desire that the brethren who have undertaken its formation may carry out the responsible duties they have taken upon themselves. For your work, brethren, is not completed with the labours of to-day. On you the prosperity of the new Lodge greatly depends. It is your duty to watch its growth, to see that the true principles of Masonry are taught therein, and that none are admitted save men who are likely to prove worthy members of our Craft, and useful citizens of our country. The subject to which I wish to invite your attention is the character of our institution and the nature of its teaching. There are many popular errors about Freemasonry, for some of which we must acknowledge Masons are themselves to blame. The first I intend to mention is very easy for us to meet. It is that our Order, on account of the secrets which belong to it, is in any way connected with the dangerous secret societies which undermine the structure of European society. We need not go far to disprove this statement. One of our leading principles is that we are not a political society, and are pledged not to offend against the laws of the country in which we live. In the times of the outburst of revolutionary sentiments in England at the close of the last century, when secret societies were forbidden by law, Masonry was especially excepted. Whatever the private political views of any good Mason may be, we may be sure he would look with abhorrence on a crime like that perpetrated this week. No end could, in a Mason's eye, justify the dastardly murder of a Sovereign, who whatever we may think of his life, proclaimed by the liberation of millions of serfs, the grand Masonic doctrine of the natural equality of man. Masonry is the exponent of no particular political doctrine; men of every opinion may range under her banners, provided they are sincere, upright, and just men, ready to convert others to their views by sound argument and proofs of their truth, but not by violence or crime. The next objection is that Masonry is opposed to revealed religion. I have heard it stated that no man can be both a Mason and a Christian. The reason given is that a mere code of morality must be by its nature antagonistic to a religion based on revelation. But a knowledge of the true character of our teaching would prove the fallacy of such an argument. The fact is, Masonry, though never touching on controverted points, leaves us almost on the threshold of revealed religion. No man can be a true Mason who is not earnestly seeking after truth. Who does not believe in the existence of a personal God. Who does not acknowledge that there is something in man which will endure beyond the grave. We go further, and in one of the noblest of all our ceremonies profess a belief in a system of future rewards and punishments, and point to a gleam of hope shining even amid the dark clouds of death. And the lofty purity of our morality makes every true Mason feel that he must look for aid from some one stronger than himself. The prayers we are about to offer to the Creator of All during the course of this ceremony bear witness to this, and the right duties of every Mason will be rehearsed in the installation of the Worshipful Master. Every step of a Mason's career teaches him to Worship the Most High. The helplessness of his entrance into Masonry is a symbolical illustration of his own weakness. The source whence he is told all wisdom proceeds makes him look to the Most High. And at last, when in the darkness of death he stands at the brink of the grave, he learns to say, in the confidence of the royal Hebrew poet, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me." Yes, the Mason who has acknowleged God as the source of strength, of knowledge, and of life, is not likely to despise the revelations he has given to us his creatures. The third objection is one with which I regret to say we must reproach ourselves. It is that Masonry is a mere frivolous Society; that its principal feature is eating and drinking; that Masons assemble merely for social purposes. Far be it from me to condemn entirely the festive gatherings which often follow Masonic work. I owe too many good friends to such meetings. But I am sure all will agree in discountenancing Lodges who meet only for the banquet, and neglect Masonic work. There is no sight more disheartening to a Mason than a half-empty Lodge; Master, Wardens, and Brethren hurrying over their work in a slovenly manner, and then all hastening to a dinner; perhaps disgracing the Order still more by a scene of riot and debauchery. There is nothing more injurious to Freemasonry than such Lodges; nothing more certain to bring our noble Craft into discredit. You, brethren, I feel confident are in no danger of thus acting. Your purpose, I may safely say, is to work honestly at Masonry, and to bring the Craft into honour in this neighbourhood. Let me ask you to remember what great and solemn doctrines Masonry inculcates—what a lofty morality she teaches. There are many who, upon first becoming Masons, feel disappointed at the apparently simple character of our secrets; but can any older Mason deny that every time he heard a Masonic ceremony well performed, he gained some new insight into the teaching of the Craft? The responsibilities, too, of a conscientious Mason are very great—the great problems which are presented to him suggest the importance of a well-spent life. He is bound to live as one who must one day give an account before his Creator; and not only must he do this, he must live for others too. In his prayers he must remember the wants of others; in his work he must find time to help the weak; in his pleasure he must deny himself to comfort the sorrowful. Such a life must you demand of all who become members of your Lodge. It is the duty of those in authority to strive to make those under them an honour to the Craft, and a blessing to mankind. This must be your high object if you wish the Wallington Lodge to fulfil its purpose. In all things may God be with you to guide and keep you in all His ways.

This address was delivered by the Prov. G. Chaplain with great eloquence, and was listened to by all present most attentively. The ceremony was then completed with the customary formalities, and then Bro Charles Sawyer, the W. Master designate, was introduced and installed as the first W. Master of the Wallington Lodge. After the customary salutations, the following Officers were invested:—Bros. Horsey S.W., W. M. Pile J.W., W. Russell Crowe P.M. Treas., E. Dickman S.D., J. W. Baldwin J.D., Thos. Carder I.G. The pleasing duty of proposing that the Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. G.M., and Prov. Grand Treasurer and Secretary be elected honorary members of the Lodge now devolved on the W.M. This was cordially seconded by the S.W., and unanimously agreed to. Propositions for initiation and joining were handed in; a proposal to establish a Lodge of Instruction in association with the new Lodge was discussed and agreed to; and hearty good wishes having been tendered, Lodge was closed. The customary banquet, without which ceremonies of this kind must be considered incomplete, was given at the King's Arms, Carshalton, and the catering of the host, Mr. George Jackson, is much to be commended. On removal of the cloth a very full toast list was gone through. The National Anthem and God Bless the Prince of Wales being sung after the Loyal toasts. For the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers Bro. Arnold replied. It was an

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easy task for him to get through the first part of this pleasant duty mention of the names of the noblemen at the head of our Order was always well received; they were able and willing to fulfil the duties allotted them. For himself, he had been greatly pleased with the day's proceedings. The attendance of so large an assembly had much impressed him. The Wallington Lodge had made a good start, and he trusted it would have a successful career. He could assure the brethren Masonry was very dear to his heart. He forcibly impressed upon them that it must not be looked upon as a Benefit Society. There was much good to be done by those who professed it; it had a tendency to make them better men, better citizens. The precepts it inculcated were taught by the symbols in use amongst us, and led up to closer associations, and to the promotion of mutual enjoyment. He had that day faced a large body of his fellows, and he hoped that if he should meet any of them on a future day they would not give him the cut; he might remind them that he had that day been the centre for observation, and could assure his brethren that nothing gave him greater pleasure than to receive a grasp of the hand from members of his Province. He might not always be able to recognise those he had met that day, but he desired any who proved him forgetful in this respect to remind him they were present at the consecration of the Wallington Lodge. Bro. Arnold concluded a fervid speech by thanking one and all for the reception they had given him. In giving the next toast—the health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Surrey, Bro. General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B.—the W.M. regretted the absence of the P.G.M., but he felt assured the brethren would give it a hearty reception. For the toast of the Prov. Grand Officers, Bro. Paxon replied; he made happy allusion to the beautiful arrangements of the Lodge room, and the way in which the business had been conducted. He should carry away with him most pleasant recollections of the day's work. In giving the toast of the Consecrating Officers, the W.M. spoke of the favourable impression that must be fixed on the minds of all who had heard the impressive oration of the Provincial Grand Chaplain To this toast Bro. C. Greenwood G.S.B. replied; he much regretted that their esteemed brother had not been able to join them at the festive board. It was his firm conviction that no better Mason than the P.G. Chaplain could be found. The Acting S.W. and J.W. were excellent workers, while as regards Bro. H. E. Frances Prov. G.D.C., he conducted the proceedings of the day most efficiently. The Lodge had indeed had a good beginning, and he trusted its progress might be equally satisfactory. Before sitting down he would beg leave to propose a toast; that was, the health of their W.M. He could personally bear testimony to the energy Bro. Sawyer had displayed over the preliminary work in connection with the formation of the Lodge. He believed the W.M. was actuated by a desire to uphold the truest principles of Freemasonry. The brethren might, he (Bro. Greenwood) thought, consider themselves singularly fortunate—they had a good place to meet in; a good Master; and a good field of action for securing recruits. The W.M. in reply thanked Bro. Greenwood for the way in which he had spoken. If he had displayed rather too much persistency in the prosecution of the preliminary work he would remind the brethren he considered himself but as the mouthpiece of the Founders. He had sometimes been under the impression that he was inflicting an amount of boredom on Bro. Greenwood, but he could assure the brethren that he had experienced on all occasions the most courteous treatment from their Prov. G. Secretary. He thanked all the brethren who had assisted him in procuring the warrant for the Lodge, and he felt it a great compliment that was paid him when brethren who had sat under him in another Lodge expressed a wish he should be the first Master of the Wallington. Bro. Sawyer concluded an excellent speech by reiterating his thanks to one and all. To the toast of the Visitors, Bros. Price, Mitchell, and Davis made response. The latter brother, who is the Secretary for the proposed Hervey Memorial Fund, explained the views of the brethren associated with him. He stated that the expenditure of any sum received would be for the relief of the unsuccessful candidates at the elections for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and it was proposed to give an amount, say of £10 to each, to as many as the funds in hand would provide for. The Officers and Founders of the Lodge were next complimented, and then the W.M. called upon Bro. Prov. Grand Secretary to propose the next toast—The Charities of the Order, requesting him to associate with it the Masonic Press. Bro. Greenwood eloquently detailed the work being done by the Institutions for the relief of our distressed brethren, their widows and children. He also referred to the assistance given by the Masonic Press in recording the same. He spoke most kindly, and in high appreciation, of the assistance given by the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and associated with the toast the name of Bro. W. W. Morgan, whom he called upon to respond. After a brief interval, Bro. Morgan rose for the purpose of expressing his acknowledgments of the honour done him in connecting his name with the toast, and the gratification it afforded him to be enabled in his official capacity to do what lay in his power to advance the interests of the Masonic Institutions. He complimented all present on the support which the Province regularly bestowed on those Institutions. He was unable to say offhand what Surrey had done for the Schools, though he was well aware it had given freely to both; but he saw from the table, which was published in the CHRONICLE last Saturday, that it had been represented at each of the last seven Festivals of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and that the sum of its contributions very largely exceeded £500. Bro. Greenwood had reminded them that the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which had been so signally fruitful of good, was now an event of the past, and that the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was rapidly approaching. He (Brother Morgan) was most anxious that the great success which Bro. Hedges had had the pleasure of announcing last year would be repeated this. At the same time he felt it to be his duty to say—what no doubt had momentarily escaped the notice of Bro. Greenwood—that there was yet a third Festival to be held in the current year, that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and great as was his desire that the Girls should receive their due share of support, he felt it incumbent upon him to point out that the Boys' Institution was even in greater need of support—to this extent, at all events, that the number of vacancies is very small, while the number of candidates is overwhelmingly large. Considering, therefore, that it was only last autumn that the Girls' School had been enlarged, he trusted the brethren of the Wallington Lodge would do all they could to assist the Institution with which their energetic Bro. Binckes had been for many years connected. He repeated he did not wish for a single moment to stand between them and any assistance they and the other Lodges in the Province might have it in mind to give to the Girls' Institution. All he asked them to bear in mind was, that the Boys' Festival for 1881 had yet to come, and he hoped they would then remember "Our Boys." The Tyler's toast was given, and shortly afterwards the brethren separated. Bro. Barry's musical abilities were brought into requisition both in the Lodge room and at the banquet table. During the evening some capital songs and recitations were given, Bro. Hook especially distinguishing himself.

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STATEMENT OF PROVINCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE R.M.B.I. 1875-81.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am very glad you have published a list showing the contributions of our different Provinces to the Benevolent Institution for the last seven years, and intend publishing similar lists or tables extending over the same period in the case of the two Schools. As you very justly remark, a single list like that of last week does not do full justice, or it may appear to do more than full justice, to the work of each Province. You have cited the cases of Warwickshire and Worcestershire as being Provinces which must not be judged only by the assistance they have rendered to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Allow me to point out that Durham, Northumberland, and Nottinghamshire are similarly circumstanced, as will be shown when the other tables make their appearance in your columns. Allow me further to draw attention to the fact that, in addition to West Yorkshire, the following Provinces have been represented at each of the seven Festivals of which you have given particulars, namely,—Hants and Isle of Wight, Herts, Kent, Lancashire E., Lancashire W., Middlesex, Oxfordshire, Suffolk, and Surrey. This makes exactly ten Provinces which have regularly supported the Benevolent during the past seven years, and I think that when the seven years are completed for the Schools, it will be found they have been almost, if not quite, as regular in their support of those Institutions.

I trust you will be able to do the same with the London Lodges as with the Provinces. I am very well satisfied that statements of this kind cannot be otherwise than beneficial in furthering the interests of our Charities.

I remain, yours fraternally,

A PROVINCIAL M.M.

[We have already had under consideration our correspondent's suggestion as to the London Lodges, and if we can find time to spare, it is not unlikely we may act upon it.—ED. F.C.]

THE BENEVOLENT FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I notice in your very interesting and able analysis of the Stewards' lists of the late Benevolent Festival the following remark anent this Province: "North and East Yorkshire sends £52 10s, three-fifths of the sum being on the list of the Very Rev. Porey-Cust, Dean of York." You might have added that the remaining two-fifths of the fifty guineas was contributed by the Eboracum Lodge, so that of the whole twenty-seven Lodges in North and East Yorkshire only two Lodges were represented at all, the York Lodge, 236, by its Chaplain the Dean with thirty guineas, and the Eboracum Lodge, 1611, by its W.M. Bro. J. T. Seller with twenty guineas.

I am, yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD, 236 AND 1611.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Wrongs made Right.—Every day that any bodily suffering is permitted to continue renders it more certain to become chronic or dangerous. Holloway's purifying, cooling, and strengthening Pills are well adapted for any irregularity of the human body, and should be taken when the stomach is disordered, the liver deranged, the kidneys inactive, the bowels torpid, or the brain muddled. With this medicine every invalid can cure himself, and those who are weak and infirm through imperfect digestion may make themselves strong and stout by Holloway's excellent Pills. A few doses of them usually mitigate the most painful symptoms caused by indigestion, &c.

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CHAPTER OF ELIAS ASHMOLE, No. 148.

THE Annual Convocation and Installation of Principals of the above Chapter was held on Monday last. The Chapter having been opened by the Principals, Ex. Comps. Thos. Tunstall, Jas. Jackson and W. H. Robinson, assisted by Ex. Comps. Finney, Brierley, Bowes, and P. J. Edelsten, the rest of the Companions were admitted, and the minutes read and confirmed. The M.E.Z. then invited Ex. Comp. John Bowes P.Z. P.P.G.S.N. to instal the Principals for the ensuing year. Comps. J. Jackson, W. H. Robinson and J. Rymer Young were then introduced into solemn conclaves befitting their respective degrees, and placed in their seats according to the established customs of the Order. Comp. J. Paul Rylands, F.S.A., Starkie and Charles Skinner were then invested as E., N. and Soj. respectively. Comp. Galloway then handed to the Chapter facsimile tracings of entries in the Diary of Elias Ashmole relating to his initiation into Freemasonry in Warrington, for which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded. The auditors produced a satisfactory report of the finances of the Chapter, which was ordered to be printed and circulated among the members. The W.M. of the Gilbert Greenall Lodge, No. 1250, Comp. Galloway, applied for the use of the Chapter furniture, for the purposes of a new Chapter about to be attached to that Lodge, which was granted.

CHAPTER OF HARMONY, No. 178, WIGAN.

THE Annual Convocation of this flourishing Chapter was held in the Chapter-rooms, on Wednesday, 8th inst., at five p.m. The Chapter having been opened by the Principals and P.Z.'s, the rest of the Companions were admitted, and the minutes read and confirmed. The M.E.Z. Comp. C. B. Holmes said the only business before the Chapter was the installation of the chiefs for the ensuing year, and called upon E. Comp. John Bowes P.Z., P.P.G.S.N. to perform the ceremonies. Comps. C. B. Holmes (re-elected), J. Phillips, and G. L. Campbell were then severally presented in solemn conclaves, and installed according to ancient custom. The Royal Arch having been properly cemented, the conclave was closed, and the remainder of the Comps. admitted, when the subordinate Officers were invested, and placed in their respective positions by the installing Principal. The ancient benediction having been given, the Chapter was closed in love and harmony, and the Companions adjourned to the Victoria Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet awaited them, to which ample justice was done. The M.E.Z. was supported by the other Principals, several P.Z.'s, the Officers, and a large number of members, and a most enjoyable evening was spent under his genial presidency.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—A meeting of this eminent Chapter of Improvement was held on Tuesday evening, 15th inst., at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, which was numerously attended by Royal Arch Masons, the night being specially appointed for the installation of the three Principals, a ceremony seldom performed in any Chapter of Instruction. The Chapter having been duly opened, the chairs were filled by the following Companions: W. Stephens Z., Turquand H., and H. Thompson J. Comp. Massa having been presented as the First Principal elect, was most impressively and correctly installed into the chair of Z. by Comp. Stephens, and seldom has that important ceremony been so ably performed. The next business was to instal Comp. Storr into the chair of H., which was gone through in an equally impressive manner. The same remark will apply to the installation of Comp. Brown, the worthy Preceptor of the Chapter, into the third chair. At the conclusion of these ceremonies, Comp. Massa moved that a vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes of the Chapter to Comp. Stephens, for the very able, correct, and impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation of the Principals that evening, and for his readiness at all times to render any assistance to the Chapter. Comp. Storr seconded the motion, which was supported by Comp. H. Thompson M.E.Z. 619, and carried unanimously. Comp. Stephens, in reply, thanked the Companions for their kindly recognition of his humble services, and assured them that at any time when he could be useful to the Chapter his services were at its disposal. The Chapter of Installed Principals was then closed, and the rest of the Companions were admitted. Amongst the installed Principals, in addition to those filling the three chairs, were Comps. Mickley, Pounceby, N. Green, and Wyer. The ceremony of exaltation was then rehearsed, Comps. Pounceby Z., Lardner H., Dotteridge J., W. Fraser N., J. Payne P.S., and Goodenough, candidate. The following Companions were also present—Lardner, King, W. Fraser, J. Payne, Edwards, and Lovegrove. The ceremony was most ably performed by Comp. Pounceby, and at the close a cordial vote of thanks was passed to him for the very efficient manner in which he had worked the business of the First Principal's chair for the first time. Comp. Pounceby replied, and thanked Comp. Brown for the attention and great assistance he had given him in mastering the duties of the three chairs. The following were then elected members of the Chapter—Comps. Goodenough 503, Mickley 948, and Turquand 1339 and 890. The Chapter was then closed and adjourned until Tuesday, 22nd March, at half-past six p.m.

Bro. Horace B. Marshall, whose liberal donations to our Institutions we especially referred to last week, has been a Mason only two years and the fraction of a year. Yet in that brief time he has contributed no less than 700 guineas to our Charities, and has likewise sent in his name as Steward for the Boys' and Girls' School Festivals for the present year. It is impossible to give too much prominence to conduct so generous. The thanks of the whole Craft are due to Bro. Marshall for setting our younger brethren so brilliant an example.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 23 Great Queen Street, W.C.

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The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Oxfordshire and Neighbourhood. 1881. Comprising Calendar for the Year, with Meetings of Masonic Bodies; the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers Past and Present; Lodges and Chapters of the Province and Neighbourhood; Universities' Lodges and Chapters, Mark, Knights Templars, &c., &c. With the Consent and under the immediate Patronage of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, K.G., Past Grand Warden of England, and Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master of the Province. Oxford: Bro. W. R. Bowden, 59 High-street.

BROTHER BOWDEN, who is the Editor as well as Publisher of this Calendar and Directory, has done a great service to his Province by compiling the information herein contained, and presenting it in so compact a form to his Oxfordshire brethren. The Chapter gives the days of meeting of the different Lodges, Chapters, &c., in the Province and neighbourhood, and also those fixed for the meetings of Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Mark Lodge, the Board of General Purposes, the Colonial Board, and the Lodge of Benevolence, and the different Committees and Courts of our Institutions. Then follow lists of the present Officers of Grand Lodge, Supreme Grand Chapter, and Mark Grand Lodge; present and past Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire; the present Officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Berks and Bucks, and Provincial Grand Mark Masters' Lodge of Berks and Oxon; the Members and Officers of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and the Officers of the Great Priory of England and Wales. The Officers for the year 1880, and in some cases for 1880-1, together with the Past Masters and Past Principals of the Lodges, Chapters, &c., in Oxford and vicinity, as well as of the Westminster and Keystone, No. 10, both Lodge and Chapter; the University Lodge and Chapter, No. 1118, &c., complete the list. It would perhaps have been, however, better had the Officers and Past Masters of Isaac Newton University, No. 859, Cambridge, been furnished, as almost the same relations exist, and there is the same interchange of courtesies between it and the Apollo University, No. 357, Oxford, as there is between the latter and the Westminster and Keystone, No. 10, and the University, No. 1118, of London. Brief particulars of the Craft Institutions and the Mark Benevolent Fund are given likewise, so that within modest compass the Oxford brethren will find all that it is absolutely necessary they should know as regards times and places of certain Masonic meetings in the Province and Metropolis. Bro. Bowden is to be congratulated on the pains he has evidently bestowed on his work, and the near approach to accuracy he has attained in all the sections of his Directory.

The Freemasons' Manual and Official Directory of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter of Kent for 1881. Published under the Authority of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent. Fourth Year of Publication. Edited by Thomas Samuel Warne, Rochester, P.M. No. 20; Past Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary, Kent; P.Z.; Provincial Grand Scribe E. Kent, &c. Dover: Printed by J. Terson, Townwall Street. 1881.

GREAT merit is due to Bro. Warne for the manner in which he has arranged this Manual, and the excellence of the matter—apart from what is purely statistical—he has collated. After the Officers of Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Lodge follows the Roll of Lodges in the Province, and a little further on is a table compiled from Bro. W. J. Hughan's "Register of Lodges," and Bro. Gould's "Atholl Lodges," showing in brief the disposition of the various "ancient" Lodges established in Kent. Both in the Roll and the Table the dates of the several Lodge Warrants are supplied. As regards the Lodges, the Past Masters and present Officers are given in each, and it is perhaps worthy of remark, in passing, that many of these Past Masters ruled the Lodge more than a quarter of a century ago. Thus the senior P.M. of Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity No. 20 was W.M. in 1846, and there are three others who filled the Chairs in 1848, 1849, and 1855 respectively. The Senior P.M. of Lodge No. 125, Hythe, was W.M. in 1850, 1860, and a third time in 1870. The Senior of Lodge No. 158 Sheerness was the W.M. in 1848, and that of Lodge No. 199 Dover is elder still—speaking Masonically—having been W.M. as far back as 1844. Ramsgate, however, can lay claim to the Senior P.M. of the Province, it seems; for Bro. James Emmerson was elected to fill the chair of the Royal Navy Lodge No. 429 in 1840. There is also a table showing the numerical strength of the Lodges, which, however, we are given to understand is incomplete, owing to some of them not having sent in a return of particulars as requested. That any Lodge should omit or object to supply such information is to be deplored. Similar particulars are furnished for the Supreme Grand Chaper, the Provincial Grand Chapter, and the Chapters on the roll of the Province, only there is no list showing the number of R.A. Companions. The Bye-laws of the Prov. G. Lodge and Prov. G. Chapter follow, and also their respective statements of accounts for the past year. From these statements, it seems, P.G. Lodge voted for our Central Charities per sundry Lodges £252, and P.G. Chapter per sundry Chapters £73 10s. Officers of the Rose Croix Chapter and Templar Preceptory come next in order, and the Directory is then closed with particulars respecting the Prov. G. Mark Lodge and the Lodges on its roll, similar in all respects to those given in respect of Craft and Arch Masonry. As Lord Holmesdale is a Past G.M.M.M., it is not surprising that Mark Masonry should seem to flourish here. We congratulate Bro. Warne on the completeness of his manual.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 19th MARCH.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

MONDAY, 21st MARCH.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
901—City of London, Gresham-street, E.C.
1435—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
M.M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30 (Instruction)

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
331—Phœnix Public Room Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge.
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
837—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
M.M. 141—Skelmeisdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
K.T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury.

TUESDAY, 22nd MARCH.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1340—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In.)
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd MARCH.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1534—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W.

33—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
230—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
734—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction.)
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R.A. 805—The Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
R.A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 24th MARCH.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
99—Shakespeare, The Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
1339—Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7. (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
303—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
R.A. 1214—Scarborough Hall, Scarborough, Caledonian-road, Batley
K.T.—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 25th MARCH.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction.)
834—Hanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (In.)

810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 26th MARCH.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Prince George, Parkholme Road, Dalston.
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
R.A. 306—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Yarborough Lodge, No. 554.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Green Dragon, Stepney, on Thursday, 3rd inst. Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. E. W. Walter, who was supported by Bros. T. W. Tait S.W., W. Cross J.W., T. S. Taylor I.P.M., J. G. Stevens P.M. Treas., G. Ward Verry P.M. Secretary; Past Masters James Kindred, Hugh Cotter, J. J. Berry, T. J. Barnes, J. H. Thorn; also Bros. J. Lineker S.D., John Taylor J.D., J. R. Shingfield I.G., G. T. H. Seddon P.M. Org., C. T. Speight P.M. Tyler. There were also present Bros. Clarke, Arliss, Gilbey, Poultor, Pain, March, Hertman, Peacock, Howes, Symes, Swoffer, Murrin, Kent, Anderson, Battes, Russell, Sallen, Wood, Walter, Allen, Britton, Thomas, Horner, Fardell, Sparks, Wood, Forss, and Goddard. The business of the evening consisted of one raising, one passing, and an initiation. Bro. H. W. Dobbins was raised, Bro. J. H. Arliss was passed to the degree of a Craftsman, and Mr. Donigan was impressively initiated into the secrets and mysteries of the Order, the entire work being well rendered, the W.M. receiving the best possible assistance from the Deacons. The ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. W. G. Goddard 902, as a joining member, and proved unanimous in favour of his admission; Bro. F. Jesse 453 was also proposed for a similar honour. On the announcement that the veteran P.M. of the Lodge, Bro. James Kindred, intended to represent the Lodge at the next Festival of the Girls' School, a sum of £10 10s was unanimously placed on his list, in connection with which it was afterwards announced the sum of £100 had been attained. Several matters of purely local interest having been disposed of,

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Lodge was closed, after a protracted and busy meeting, and the brethren supported the W.M. at the banquet table. Here a repast was in waiting which it is no mean praise to say was capitally served, despite the delay Bro. Alfred Walter had been subjected to. The customary Loyal and Craft toasts were honoured in the usual hearty manner, Bro. Tait singing a verse of the National Anthem. Bro. Seddon next favoured the brethren with a selection upon the harmonium, giving great satisfaction. Bro. T. S. Taylor gave the health of the W.M. Bro. Walter; they had all seen in what a splendid manner he had sustained the duties of the chair, fully justifying their choice of him for a ruler. By his working he would uphold the character, and add lustre to the Yarborough Lodge. Bro. Taylor concluded by claiming for the W.M.'s gavel the same attention at the banquet as in the Lodge-room. Bro. J. H. Thorn here gave the "Wolf," excellently accompanied by Bro. Seddon, after which the W. Master thanked the brethren one and all for the kind reception of his name. He was glad to find his endeavours to please were successful; he had worked hard to qualify himself for his position, and assured the brethren he would do all in his power to promote the honour and welfare of the Yarborough Lodge. In toasting the P.M.'s the W. Master claimed great importance for this toast in the Yarborough Lodge, whose Past Masters, unlike what is experienced in some Lodges, are at all times willing and in attendance to assist in the working. Bros. Barnes and Berry had devoted considerable attention to the Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, where the Officers and members received at their hands that tuition which enabled them to discharge their duties as efficiently as they had seen them done that evening. Bro. W. Sparks gave a stirring rendering of the "Bay of Biscay," and Bros. I.P.M. and J. G. Stevens duly responded; Bro. T. J. Barnes also replied. In proposing the toast the W.M., he said, had paid the P.M.'s a compliment, he thought a deserved compliment. All that was in their power the P. Masters would do; they are not only able and willing but fully capable of doing so. He (Bro. Barnes) had never seen better working in a Lodge before; he had watched it closely, from first to last, and he must say, from the Inner Guard up to the Worshipful Master, he had never seen work better done. He would not mention any one name, or those not so mentioned might justly feel themselves slighted, where all had worked so well. Bro. Berry and himself had spent years in working to qualify the Officers and brethren for the discharge of their duties, and it afforded them much gratification to find their efforts crowned with success, and to see how those labours had been exerted to good purpose. In toasting the initiate, the W.M. spoke of the desirability of infusing new blood, and that of good quality; such he believed the newly admitted brother possessed. The toast was heartily received. Bro. Donigan thanked the W.M. and brethren for having honoured him by admitting him into the Order. It had been a great pleasure to meet such old friends as he had there; he would do his best to deserve the confidence they had reposed in him. The toast of the Masonic Charities was heartily received, and responded to in an able and lucid manner by Bro. P.M. Stevens, whose close acquaintanceship with this subject enabled him to give a masterly *résumé* of work done, and the claims of the three Masonic Charities. The Officers' toast was also well received, and responded to by the brethren of that body who were present. After which the Tyler's toast brought a successful meeting to a close. The musical powers of the Lodge were capitally directed by Bro. G. H. Seddon, whose ability as an accompanyist was again evinced, to the great enjoyment of all. The following Visitors were present:—H. N. Medcalf 212, J. E. Thompson 1076, J. Martin 1067, A. Meyers S.D. 1421, G. H. Stephens J.D. 1623, F. Jesse 453, T. Loane W.S. 1421, J. Fowler 1158.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554.—At the regular meeting, at the Green Dragon, Stepney, E., on the 8th inst., Bro. Richardson occupied the chair. Present:—Bros. H. Forss S.W., T. F. Harvey J.W., J. Taylor S.D., Tyler J.D., Austen I.G., J. J. Berry P.M. Preceptor, W. Cross Secretary; Past Masters Godwin, J. L. Anderson, W. Hawes, J. R. Shingfield, T. J. Tyer, A. Wood, J. Taylor, and Andrews. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Forss worked the first, and Bro. Stephens the second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Bro. Stephens worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by Bro. Shingfield, and the second, assisted by the brethren. A vote of thanks to Bro. Richardson for the admirable manner in which he presided, for the first time in this Lodge, was unanimously passed. Bro. Forss was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. W. Cross Honorary Secretary took the opportunity of thanking Bro. Shingfield for acting so efficiently for him during his illness. We are extremely gratified to see our esteemed Bro. Cross, who is the J.W. of the mother Lodge, sufficiently restored to health as to be enabled to again discharge his duties as Hon. Secretary of this Lodge of Instruction.

On the 15th inst. there were present Bros. Forss W.M., Ellingford S.W., Shingfield J.W., J. Taylor S.D., Mackenrot J.D., W. Hawes I.G.; also Bros. J. Andrews P.M. acting Preceptor, Richardson, Smith, Wood, Stephens, &c. Bro. A. Wood was interrogated and entrusted. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed in a most able manner, Bro. Wood candidate. Bro. Stephens worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Ellingford was elected W.M. for the meeting to be held on the 29th inst. Lodge was then closed.

Polish National Lodge, No. 534.—The regular meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on the 10th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London. Bros. V. Jagielski W.M., Jackson S.W., J. Lancaster J.W., S. Nowakowski P.M. Treas., W. Paas P.M. Sec., Smith S.D., Buntz J.D., Biering I.G., Bryant D.C. P. Masters J. Aspinall, Cumming, Ebner, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission, as a joining member, of Bro. Charles Warburton Russell, No. 913, which was unanimously in his favour. The election of W. Master then took place, and Bro. Corrie Jackson S.W. was unanimously elected to fill that office. Bro. Nowakowski P.M. was re-elected Treas. The W.M. stated that Bro. Beckett P.M., who had been Tyler for nearly thirty years, and was seventy-nine years of age, wished to retire. A notice of motion was given that the Lodge present Bro. Beckett with five guineas, to be supplemented by the brethren. The election of Tyler was deferred. Bro. W. Paas P.M. and Secretary then proposed that the usual P. Master's jewel be presented to the retiring W.M. for the great services he had rendered to the Lodge, and in recognition of his exertions in the cause of benevolence and charity. This was fully endorsed by all the brethren. The Audit Committee was appointed. Bro. Privett announced it as his attention to serve as Steward for the Girls' School, while Bro. Aspinall consented to act as Steward for the Boys'; the sum of five guineas was voted to be placed on the Lists of these brethren. The W.M. then, in appropriate terms, presented to the joining member, Bro. C. W. Russell, the emblem of the Lodge—the Polish Eagle—a decoration every member is entitled to wear. Bro. Jagielski explained the symbolical signification this decoration bears, and impressed upon the recipient to join with the members in endeavouring to uphold the dignity and honour it conferred on the wearer. After some special reference had been made to the Bye-laws, and the Fees payable by the members, Lodge was closed until second Thursday in April. A banquet was then partaken of, and grace having been said, the W.M., in eloquent terms, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Aspinall I.P.M. proposed the health of the W. Master. This was the last time Bro. Jagielski would preside as Worshipful Master at the banquet table. The brethren had seen how he had conducted the duties of the chair—in every way satisfactorily; the brethren had voted him the jewel of the Lodge, which certainly he was fully entitled to. Under these circumstances, he was convinced the brethren would give the toast the reception it merited. The W.M. had great pleasure in replying to the kind remarks of the I.P.M. His aim had always been to do what he considered his duty as Master, and when he looked to the brethren around the table, he hoped they would come to the conclusion he had done his best, and that had been for the benefit of the Lodge. He referred to the National characteristics of the Lodge, and was indeed pleased to see that so many English brethren had joined. Infinitely was he gratified to see so many brethren present to support him, and he trusted his successor would rule over them successfully. The toast of the P.M.'s was next given. Bro. Wiercinski, the founder of the Lodge, the W.M. regretted was not present. Bro. Paas had always been associated with the Charities; he was the right man in the right place, and he (Bro. Jagielski) would counsel the newly-elected W.M. to make an especial friendship with him, as no better Mason could be found. Bros. Cummings and Ebner are worthy Masons; in brief, he would ask the members heartily to drink to the toast. Bro. Aspinall I.P.M. said, since he had been a member of the Lodge, he had always endeavoured to act in a considerate way; whatever he had done was he thought for the benefit of the Lodge. Bros. Cummings and Ebner followed with a few remarks. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Visitors, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188, who responded. The Wardens were next complimented, special reference being made to the way in which the newly-elected W.M. had endeared himself to one and all. Suitable replies having been made by Bros. Corrie Jackson, Lancaster, and Runts, the Tyler's toast was given. Some very excellent singing emanated from Bros. Gordon, Lancaster, Runts, and Foster. Bros. McRae 180 and H. M. Levy P.M. 188 were present as visitors.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—On Tuesday, 15th inst., at the Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement. Present—Bros. Medwin W.M., Kern S.W., Hepburn J.W., J. L. Mather Preceptor, C. G. Sparrow Sec., Cuthbertson S.D., Halestrap J.D., Conchman I.G., and several others. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Button candidate. Lodge opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Gabb candidate. The sum of £5 5s was voted from the funds of the Lodge to Bro. J. L. Mather's list for the Festival of the Boys' School. Bros. Walder, Royal Navy 429, and Sprules, Cosmopolitan 917, were elected members. Bro. Kern was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

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THE APPROACHING SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

THE task of reviewing the list of candidates for the April election of the Boys' School is not so easy an undertaking as was that in connection with the sister Institution, to which we devoted our attention last week. Then we had but twenty-eight candidates requiring notice; now we have close on three times that number, the list for the Boys containing no less than seventy-eight names. Of these twenty only can be returned as successful, that being the number of vacancies at the disposal of the Committee; so that it may be imagined a hard struggle awaits any one who may desire the success of a particular candidate. We last week made especial reference to one case where we deemed further particulars should have been given, and in another part of this week's issue we refer again to the matter. The result proves that the particulars we asked for show the case to be really more deserving than it was at first represented to be, and we can only hope that sufficient votes will be obtained to place the child under the care of the Girls' Institution, and thereby afford the assistance to the family which the father's long connection with the Craft justifies them in soliciting. We are aware that in drawing attention to any particular case we may err from the fact that the information obtainable is necessarily so meagre, but we contend this is not our fault, but rather the fault of the system that renders it necessary for outsiders to seek for particulars that should be supplied officially. That there is really need for more careful supervision of the petitions which are presented to our Charities is daily becoming more and more apparent, and we can only hope the day is not far distant when the Committees of the Schools will take some steps which will render the acceptance of a petition on behalf of a child who is well provided for an impossibility.

The ballot paper as issued to the subscribers contains the names of seventy-six applicants, but of this number only seventy-three will go to the poll, by reason of the withdrawal of two candidates—Nos. 52 and 70—O. E. Lewis and V. G. Legge—the latter in consequence of his having been selected by the brethren of East Lancashire for presentation in virtue of their right to nominate a pupil to the School—and the removal by the Committee of No. 61, W. H. Gosden, who it appears is in possession of property in his own right amply sufficient to pay for his education and maintenance. Of these seventy-three there are five last application cases, namely—No. 1, John, Reid, one of four fatherless children, accredited to the Province of East Lancashire, who now appeals for the seventh time, with but 34 votes to his credit; No. 2, H. S. J. Crane, one of three similarly circumstanced, who has made five previous attempts, and now appears with a total of 316 votes to the good; No. 5, W. R. D. Foot, from Devonshire, who has made four attempts to secure election, but at present without a single vote being recorded in his favour—we can only imagine that his case is in the hands of the Charity Committee of Devon, of which Province his father was a member, and that they will do what they can for him; No. 18, C. S. V. Field, a Bedfordshire lad, whose mother has nine children dependent on her, and at present has only been able to secure 136 votes on behalf of her son, who has taken part in two previous elections; and No. 56, F. W. Cairney, first application, who is one of two children now dependent on a widowed mother. The case is a West Yorkshire one. We hope that these five at least will, have the good fortune to be numbered among the successful candidates.

London has nineteen candidates in addition to No. 2 already referred to, nine of whom are first application cases; the most distressing perhaps being No. 59, G. A. March, who, as we have said, in referring to his sister's candidature for the Girl's School, is one of ten children, both of whose parents are living, but the father is insane. We heartily wish his friends success at the coming election. Of the others, No. 63, F. F. Skelton, is one of a family of whom there are still seven dependent on their mother; he has a sister in the Girl's School. No. 69, E. C. Rocke, is one of six relying on their widowed mother for support. Nos. 51, C. E. Stewart, and 53, J. Bloomfield, are each members of families of five. No. 54, A. Kirkby, is one of four children, as also is No. 66, H. E. Morris, who has lost his mother, but still has his father living. No. 60, A. D. Ashdown, is one of two, and No. 65, G. C. Willett, an only child, dependent on their respective mothers. Of the London candidates who have taken part in previous elections, six at least may be said to occupy very good positions, the votes already recorded on their behalf ranging from 662 upwards. No. 24, G. D. Carey, stands best in this respect, having 940 votes to his credit from two previous elections; he and five others being dependent on the mother. No. 36, A. L. Lewis, follows rather closely with 925 votes in hand, and seeing that the whole of that number were polled for him in October last, he occupies a very enviable position. The same may be said of No. 41, A. Allan, whose friends recorded 910 votes in his favour at the same election. No. 13, C. S. Estlin, who is an only child, brings forward 896 votes from three previous attempts; while No. 3, Arthur Fellows, is in possession of 714 votes after four trials. No. 9, S. E. Lee, who has a brother in the School, has already appeared at three elections, on which occasions 662 votes have been polled on his behalf; he and three others being still dependent on their mother. No. 40, F. T. Tanner, second application, brings forward 422 votes; while No. 30, G. W. K. Hill, has but 294 as the result of two previous elections, the former being one of five, and the latter one of six fatherless children. No. 44, J. W. Long, secured only 113 votes last October; we think the members of the Perfect Ashlar Lodge, of which his father was a member, should be able to greatly increase that number at no very distant date. No. 31, W. J. Sisley, the last of the London candidates requiring notice, may, we think, be also described as the least—so far as support is concerned. He has taken a part in the two last elections, but at present has only 66 votes recorded on his behalf.

Among the Provinces, Hants, as usual, comes out strong, no less than five candidates appearing on the list from that quarter. These are No. 8, W. H. Woollons, who has 803 votes in hand after contesting four elections; No. 26, J. Langdon, 194 votes, and No. 27, J. Collinson, twenty-six votes, each of whom has taken a part in the last two contests, with No. 37, F. Booth, with 197 votes, and No. 45, R. A. L. Hill, one vote from last October. The brethren of this Province may therefore be said to have their hands full for some considerable time, even if no fresh cases arise, and while we heartily wish them success, we have every confidence in leaving to them the selection and support of the most deserving cases. Durham puts forward four candidates on the present occasion, of whom No. 33, G. Wortley, appears to be the one having the best chance. He is one of eight children left fatherless, and has 542 votes in

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hand from one previous attempt. If his friends can secure as much sympathy on his behalf at the coming election, they will stand a fair chance of securing his return. No. 12, H. L. Laing, one of seven children, has taken part in three previous elections, and yet has only fourteen votes in his favour. No. 46, J. Humphrey, one of a family of eight, whose father is still living, brings eleven votes forward from last election, while No. 28, E. Farrar, has but one to show as the result of two contests. It seems very hard for these two latter cases if their chance of success is in any way to be gauged by what has already been done for them. Kent and Middlesex have each three representatives, while a similar number appears on the list hailing from abroad. Of the Kentish cases, two are first applications, viz. :—Nos. 48 and 49, F. Pudney and C. J. Sanderson the other is No. 10, C. E. Webb, who at the three previous, contests in which he has taken part has secured 330 votes, he and two others are dependent on their widowed mother. No. 25, C. A. Gurney, of Middlesex, has 761 votes in hand as the result of two trials; we have little doubt but that the members of the Royal Union Lodge, of which his father was a member, will do their best to make a considerable addition to this number at the coming election. No. 23, C. L. Escott, has not been so successful—he has only secured 94 votes at present, although he, like young Gurney, has tried twice before. No. 55, G. W. Taylor, is a first application case. Cumberland and Westmoreland sends No. 57, J. B. Windross, and No. 75, G. Wicks, both new cases. Dorset is next, with No. 4, J. T. Goldsborough, who has 338 votes from four previous elections, and No. 71, H. J. Tink, who now appears for the first time. Essex also has one new case, No. 74, F. J. Cook, and one second application, No. 34, H. L. Jordison, who has 264 votes to his credit. Lancashire (East), in addition to the child they will present, and the last application case already referred to, are interested in two others, both of whom appear now for the first time, No. 62, W. W. Lucas, and No. 76, A. W. Bottomley, being accredited to them. The latter has neither parent living, and is one of two now dependent on the charity of friends. We do not think he could have gone to a much better quarter than to the Masonic brethren of East Lancashire. Lincolnshire presents a wonderful contrast—in the one case organisation of voting power is complete, while in the other, anything but satisfactory results are obtainable. One of its candidates—No. 7, R. W. Pratt,—now appeals for the fifth time, having but two votes in hand. Would it not be much better to withdraw this case than longer to allow it to remain a reproach to the brethren who have lent their names to the petition? The other case from this Province is No. 67, C. J. Crow; this lad has a sister in the Girls' School, and we only hope that a better fate is in store for him than that which has fallen to the lot of young Pratt. Norfolk has 32 votes standing to the credit of one of its lads, No. 38, W. B. Stanford, who has been once before the electors; the other case from this district, No. 68, C. B. Cummings, is a first application. Both the candidates from North Wales and Salop are old cases; No. 22, W. J. Williams, now appearing for the third time with 320 votes in hand, while No. 35, C. P. Liversidge, second application, has 56; this latter candidate is one of a family of nine children looking to their mother for support. From the Western Division of South Wales we have No. 11, E. T. Ball, one of three fatherless children, who now makes his fourth application, with 163 votes already recorded on his behalf; their other candidate is No. 72, G. S. Jones, one of seven fatherless children. Warwickshire has recorded 555 votes at the last two elections on behalf of No. 19, F. A. Clark, who is one of nine children dependent on a widowed mother, and has also another third application case in No. 29, H. T. Burgess, for whom, however, they have not yet made any effort, they doubtless preferring to secure the election of one, rather than waste votes over two. Burgess has only 6 votes in hand at present. No. 15, E. C. Lucas, after three applications, brings forward 968 votes; his case is accredited to Guernsey, and we think the prospect in view is such as the brethren of that outlying District have every reason to be proud of. Berks and Bucks also stands well with its candidate, No. 39, F. R. Blaydon, who has a sister in the Girls' School, and is himself accredited with 742 votes from last October; he is one of six fatherless children and should secure election in April next if the brethren of his father's Province are able to give him their undivided support. Cambridgeshire is represented by No. 6, F. J. Neville, who has 409 votes in hand from four previous elections. He is one of four children dependent on his mother. Surrey follows with 243 votes recorded in favour of No. 14, W. R. Watson, who has already contested three times. We think we may leave his case in the hands of the Province to which he is accredited, as we feel assured that no effort will be spared on the part of the brethren thereof to do what is right. Herts is represented by No. 32, C. C. B. Jones, one of four children left parentless, and dependent; they have but 237 votes in hand from two elections, but we trust that this is no criterion of what they will be able to accomplish. Gloucestershire and Staffordshire stand about equal as regards their cases. No. 42, C. W. Thompson, who has forty-five votes, and No. 43, T. W. Crabb, who has forty-three. No. 20, W. V. B. Jones, of North and East Yorkshire, has already taken part in two elections, with the result that fifteen votes stand in his name. The other five Provincial cases are first applications, coming from Northumberland, Devon, West Lancashire, Cheshire, and West Yorkshire, respectively; considering what some of these Provinces are in the habit of doing, we do not think we should be wrong in saying that perhaps one or more of these five will secure sufficient votes to place them beyond the need of further trouble.

Each of the three Foreign cases appears to be well supported. No. 17, W. L. Wilson (South Africa), heading the list of unsuccessful candidates at the last election, with 1238 votes; he is one of four fatherless children. No. 21, A. H. Ecclestone, from Hong Kong, has 741 votes standing to his credit, after two attempts; while No. 18, W. P. Gunnell, an only child, dependent on his mother, has 371 as the result of three applications.

Before concluding our remarks we think it right to point out that, although we have in every case referred to candidates as being adopted by the Province of which their father was a member, there are doubtless many who have to get the bulk, and it may be the whole, of their votes from outside; and thus it may be that we have given credit to some district where none is due; but in such cases we hope the brethren will ere long see the necessity of making some systematic arrangements for removing any stigma which may be attached to them.

We publish elsewhere a list of the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys who presented themselves at the Cambridge Middle Class Examination last Christmas. Of the nineteen who went in, no less than sixteen figure in the honour list—namely, three in the Senior Division and thirteen in the Junior, while the remaining three obtained certificates to the effect that their work was, in the estimation of the Examiners, satisfactory. A result so glorious must needs arrest our attention. Every one of "Our Boys" who presented himself for examination was approved, and the great majority approved with honour. This of course reflects the highest credit on the Head Master, Bro. Dr. Morris, and his coadjutors. Making allowance for those shortcomings which will be found in our Boys' School as in other Institutions of a cognate character, it must be evident to our readers there is no shortcoming on the part of our educational staff. Dr. Morris has now been at the head of our Boys' School for some six years, and every time he has sent up candidates to these local examinations their success has been, we feel justified in saying, unexampled. A very small number may have failed to reach the prescribed standard of knowledge, but the majority have gone further, and found places in the honour list. Such results speak eloquently for the Head Master's system of education, as well as the manner in which that system is applied; and it occurs to us that such reiterated successes in the past should receive some substantial acknowledgment. It is, as it were, but the other day that the Secretary of the sister School was unanimously voted a large increment of salary for, as some have been wicked enough to suggest, the very praiseworthy zeal he has exhibited in sitting down and deriving all the benefit it was in his power to obtain from the energetic advocacy of his brother Secretaries. We think the splendid labours of Dr. Morris and his staff are at least entitled to some similar recognition.

On Monday, 21st instant, R.W. Bro. Major G. Singleton Tudor was installed Grand Master of the Province of Staffordshire in succession to the late respected R.W. Bro. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot. The imposing cere-

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mony took place at the Borough Hall, Stafford, in the presence of a brilliant assemblage of brethren. The Earl of Lathom, Dep. G. Master England, officiated as Installing Master. Our report of the proceedings, for reasons we state elsewhere, is deferred till next week, but we take this early opportunity of congratulating our R Worshipful Bro. Tudor on his installation, and the auspicious circumstances under which it took place.

Our attention was drawn, the other evening, at the meeting of the Evening Star Lodge, to a most deserving case, that of the Widow Diver, aged 63 years, who is a candidate for election on the Female Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in May. Mrs. Diver is the widow of Bro. Thomas Diver, M.D., who was initiated into Freemasonry in the month of February 1858, and attained the rank of Deputy District Grand Master of Bombay. He was, likewise, an active supporter of two of our Institutions, namely, the Benevolent and the Girls' School. Mrs. Diver, therefore, has a claim upon the support, as well as the respect, of the Governors and subscribers to the Asylum for Aged and Deceased Brethren and their Widows. Her late husband's death occurred suddenly, and at the time of its occurrence she was lying helpless, through an accident at the Victoria Railway Station, by which her collar-bone and leg were broken. What is still more to the point, is, that she has never received any compensation for those injuries, which have incapacitated her from doing anything towards earning a livelihood, and that, in the midst of these distressing circumstances, she has dependent on her a family of five children. The case is strongly recommended by Bros. Dr. Erasmus Wilson P.G.D., James Glaisher P.G.D., Magnus Ohren Assist. G. D. of C., F. Adlard P.M. No. 7, F. W. Mitchell P.P.G.W. Surrey, Rev. H. Burchell-Herne P.P.G. Chaplain Herts, and other brethren. Mrs. Diver has our entire sympathy, and we sincerely trust her candidature will be successful.

We understand that Bro. Egbert Roberts underwent an operation in St. Mark's Hospital, City-road, E.C., on the 8th instant, and that he is happily progressing towards convalescence; indeed, he is under the expectation that it will be possible for him to leave the Hospital on the 2nd, or at the very latest, the 10th April. Bro. Dr. Gowland was the operating surgeon. While expressing our sympathy with Bro. Roberts in his suffering, we are also glad of the opportunity of congratulating him on the favourable progress he seems to be making, and his near approach to a complete restoration to health.

A very pleasant meeting of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205, was held on Tuesday, at the Cannon-street Hotel. A report will appear in our next.

Owing to the great pressure on our space, we are unfortunately compelled to hold over till next week several important notices, among them being that of the meeting, on Tuesday, of the Evening Star, No. 1719, and the installation meeting of the Royal Union, No. 382, Uxbridge.

At the meeting, on Wednesday, of the Lodge of Benevolence, no less a sum than £1435 was voted, the applications being, as our reporter has tersely worded it, "exceptionally numerous and deserving." We presume the hard times we have latterly been experiencing will account for this unusually large amount of grants to distressed brethren.

A Lodge of Instruction has been formed under the sanction of the Kennington Lodge, No. 1381, to meet at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, every Tuesday evening, at 7.30, Bro. C. H. Webb Preceptor pro tem. From the numerous attendance of the brethren at the first meeting, on the 15th inst., presided over by Bro. H. P. Speedy W.M. of the Mother Lodge, and the interest they have shown in the formation of this Lodge of Instruction, there is every indication that it will prove successful.

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CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATION, CHRISTMAS 1880.

SENIORS.—HONOURS.

1. H B Brock, Tredegar, Monmouthshire—II. Class.
2. A X Stephenson, Ripon, W. Yorkshire—III. Class.
3. E L Price, Highbury, London—III. Class.

JUNIORS.—HONOURS.

4. A R Parker, Peckham, London 5. G S Robinson, Brighton, Sussex 6. R G Head, Liverpool 7. C D Barrett, Wimborne, Dorsetshire 8. H Williams, Rhyl, Carnarvon	I. Class.
9. W H Shipway, Hereford 10. M B Ellis, Wimborne, Dorsetshire	II. Class.
11. W H Date, Moseley, Birmingham 12. H L Carter, Belgravia, London 13. S G L Nash, Bath, Somersetshire 14. W Meacock, Birkenhead, Cheshire 15. T S Pilling, Colne, Lancashire 16. E Davenport, Oxford	III. Class.

PASSED.

F P Dunaway, Chelsea, London S Woodhouse, Leeds, Yorkshire C E Armitage, Bradford, W. Yorkshire	Certificated.

The number of passes is 19, out of which 16 are in the honour list. All the Seniors took honours, for the first time in the history of the Institution.

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B. Senior Vice-President, James Brett P.G.P. Junior Vice-President, and C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., occupied the chairs of President, and Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents. Bros. H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, W. Dodd, and Neville Green attended from Grand Secretary's office. There was a large attendance of brethren, among whom were Bros. Saml. Rawson, Thomas Cubitt, F. Binckes, James Terry, C. Dairy, W. Stephens, A. E. Gladwell, H. Massey, C. F. Hogard, J. H. Matthews, W. H. Perryman, John Constable, Walter Hopekirk, H. Garrod, G. P. Britton, and R. Watts. The brethren first confirmed recommendations of grants to the amount of £445 made at last meeting, and then proceeded to consider the new cases, of which there were forty-four on the list. After a sitting of four and a half hours' duration, the brethren granted a total sum of £1,435, the cases being exceptionally numerous and deserving.

KINGSLAND LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1693.

THE ceremonies of consecration and installation were rehearsed by Bro. James Terry P.M., at the Canonbury Tavern, N., on Monday, 21st instant, in the presence of nearly 100 brethren. After the minutes of previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Terry proceeded with the beautiful ceremony all were so anxious to hear. It is needless to dilate on the perfectness of Bro. Terry's working, suffice it, not a word was missed, whilst due solemnity was given to the many beautiful phrases. The anthem, hymns, chants and responses were most ably sung by the brethren, accompanied by Bro. R. G. Thomas Org. 1602. At the close of the consecration Bro. Terry proceeded with the installation and investiture of Officers, and again proved how thoroughly he is a master of the art, even to the smallest detail. A number of new members having subscribed their names, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous fish supper, gratuitously supplied by Bro. Forge, J.W. Beadon 619 Secretary of this Lodge of Instruction, to which nearly eighty sat down. Bro. P.M. Hawkins occupied the chair, supported by Bros. P.M.'s Terry, George, Pearcy, Cusworth and others. The usual toasts having been given, Bro. Hawkins proceeded to propose the health of Bro. Terry, and said he had no occasion to eulogise again the excellent working they all had had the pleasure of hearing. No doubt many there had done so before, but he ventured to say Bro. Terry certainly surpassed himself. Bro. Terry, in reply, expressed the great pleasure he always had in visiting the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction; from the first all were glad to see it in such a flourishing condition; the Secretary having intimated that, after paying all the debts, which were small, there would be a balance. The health of the Secretary and Treasurer followed, especial mention was made of Bro. Forge, the founder of the Feast, who felt great gratification in being of any service to the Kingsland Lodge. He informed them that a collection had been made amongst the brethren to defray the necessary expense of preparing the supper; he had much pleasure in handing Bro. Terry £5 5s, and on being asked to which Charity, the brethren, being gallant and true, replied the "Ladies," consequently Bro. Terry will place the amount to the Widows' Fund. Bro. Terry felt extremely gratified; though the donations were larger than in any former year, the candidates were more and the vacancies less. Bro. Terry then proposed the Chairman, who briefly replied. Several capital songs were given by Bro. Mallord, and others, while Bro. C. Townley convulsed the company with three songs, his own composition.

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THE PROVINCES AND THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Observing that considerable attention is given in your columns to the subject of Masonic Charities, especially with reference to the contributions of the Provinces, I send, as a supplement to your own statistics, tables showing the relative amount of support awarded by the several Provinces to the Boys' and Girls' Schools up to the end of the year 1880.

I have now prepared these tables for the last two or three years, feeling convinced that it affords the fairest available means of arriving at that knowledge. The four columns following the name of the Province show: 1, the number of Lodges in the Province; 2, the number of Life Votes possessed by individuals, Lodges, &c., within the Province; 3, the average number of votes per Lodge which those figures give; and 4, the number of children from the Province at present in the School.

The numbers immediately after the name of the Province refer to the position last year in the tables published in the *Freemason*, of 1st and 8th May. The Provinces are placed in order of merit, those equal being so numbered. Fractions of ½ are estimated as a ¼, I have taken no account of annual subscriptions, these vary so much from year to year as to be useless for my purpose.

The first table gives the result for the Girls' School, the second for the Boys', and the third the two combined, by which a fairer average is obtained as some Provinces support one Charity almost to the exclusion of the other.

I am unable to include the Benevolent Institution, which retains the objectionable practice of inserting all subscribers in one alphabetical list. Your own statistics, published on the 12th instant, may give some idea of what the result might have been.

The tables have been prepared with great care, and I believe are accurate. I shall, however, be pleased to acknowledge and correct any mistakes that may be pointed out.

Yours fraternally,

24th March 1881. A PAST MASTER.

GIRLS' SCHOOL.

No.	Province	Lodges in Province	Votes in Province	Giving an average per Lodge of	Children in School
1	Yorkshire, West (1)	66	1775	27	19
2	Gloucestershire (2)	14	334	24	3
3	Oxfordshire (5)	9	210	23½	0
4	Sussex (3)	24	565	22½	2
5	Kent (4)	45	835	18½	8
6	Staffordshire (7)	23	420	18½	5
7	Bristol (16)	8	141	17½	1
8	Worcestershire (20)	11	184	16¾	1
9	Wilts (8)	10	151	15½	5
10	Monmouthshire (14)	8	119	15	2
11	Lincolnshire (13)	20	287	14½	8
12	Somerset (12)	22	310	14½	7
13	S. Wales (East) (9)	15	211	14½	1
14	Surrey (11)	22	307	14	2
15	Berks and Bucks (15)	18	242	13½	2
16	Warwickshire (6)	30	403	13½	7
17	Dorset (22)	13	150	11½	0
18	Hants and Isle of Wight (17)	35	394	11½	10
19	Durham (15)	26	287	11	4
20	Herts (10)	14	149	10¾	1
21	Essex (24)	19	199	10½	2
22	Norths and Hunts (19)	9	84	9½	1
23	Leicester and Rutland (27)	10	91	9½	1
24	Hereford (23)	4	34	8½	0
25	S. Wales (West) (21)	9	75	8½	2
26	Suffolk (26)	20	167	8½	6
27	Cheshire (28)	36	271	7½	3
28	Norfolk (30)	16	117	7½	2
29	Middlesex (25)	31	215	7	4
30	Lancashire (East) (29)	91	621	7	9
31	Notts (31)	13	88	7	2
32	Cumberland and Westmoreland (36)	19	110	6	1
33	N. Wales and Salop (33)	26	144	5½	0
34	Yorkshire (N. and E.) (32)	27	138	5½	4
35	Cornwall (34)	28	143	5½	1
36	Devon (35)	50	224	4½	6
37	Lancashire (West) (37)	81	356	4½	4
38	Northumberland (38)	20	85	4½	0
39	Cambridgeshire (40)	4	17	4¼	1
40	Beds (39)	5	19	4	0
41	Derbyshire (42)	19	65	3½	0
42	Channel Islands (41)	12	26	2¼	0
43	Isle of Man (43)	3	0	0	0
	Total	985	10,763	11	137

BOYS' SCHOOL.

No.	Province	Lodges in Province	Votes in Province	Giving an average per Lodge of	Children in Schools
1	Dorset (1)	13	573	44¼	8
2	Yorkshire West (2)	66	2633	40	20
3	Gloucestershire (3)	14	541	38¾	3
4	Warwickshire (4)	30	974	32½	6
5	Kent (6)	45	1180	26¼	7
6	Sussex (7)	24	597	25	4
7	Worcestershire (5)	11	263	24	2
8	Hants and Isle of Wight (7)	35	803	23	1
9	S. Wales (East) (10)	15	342	23	5
10	Staffordshire (11)	23	519	22½	4
11	Leicester and Rutland (15)	10	215	21½	1
12	Oxfordshire (12)	9	193	21½	1
13	Lancashire East (13)	91	1940	21¼	15
14	Northumberland (18)	20	524	21¼	3
15	Surrey (9)	22	457	21	3
16	Wilts (14)	10	203	20½	1
17	Durham (16)	26	516	20	6
18	Somerset (8)	22	428	19½	5
19	Lincolnshire (19)	20	371	18½	6
20	Essex (23)	19	350	18½	2
21	Bristol (20)	8	139	17½	2
22	Norths and Hunts (22)	9	143	16	3
	S. Wales (West) (28)	9	143	16	3
24	Middlesex (24)	31	438	14½	1
25	Derbyshire (26)	19	249	13½	3
26	Berks and Bucks (20)	18	328	12¾	2
27	Cumberland and Westmoreland (26)	19	237	12½	4
28	Cheshire (30)	36	448	12½	5
29	Yorkshire N. and E. (25)	27	313	11½	3
30	Herts (34)	14	158	11½	0
31	Suffolk (29)	20	218	11	1
32	Monmouthshire (31)	8	87	11	4
33	Norfolk (36)	16	172	10¾	3
34	Lancashire West (39)	81	850	10½	2
35	N. Wales and Salop (33)	26	259	10	6
36	Hereford (37)	4	39	9¾	0
37	Notts (32)	13	103	8	0
38	Devon (35)	50	338	7	5
39	Beds (38)	5	31	6½	0
40	Cambridgeshire (41)	4	22	5½	1
41	Cornwall (40)	28	149	5½	0
42	Channel Islands (42)	12	54	4½	0
43	Isle of Man (43)	3	0	0	0
	Total	985	18,540	18¾	151

BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS UNITED.

1	Yorkshire, West (1)	66	4408	67	39
2	Gloucestershire (2)	14	875	62½	6
3	Dorset (3)	13	723	55¾	8
4	Sussex (7)	24	1162	48½	6
5	Warwickshire (4)	30	1377	46	13
6	Kent (5)	45	2015	45	15
	Oxfordshire (6)	9	403	45	1
8	Staffordshire (10)	23	939	41	9
9	Worcestershire (14)	11	447	40¾	3
10	S. Wales (East) (11)	15	553	37	6
11	Wilts (12)	10	354	35½	6
12	Bristol (18)	8	280	35	3
13	Surrey (9)	22	764	34½	5
14	Hants and Isle of Wight (18)	35	1197	34¼	11
15	Somerset (8)	22	738	33¾	12
16	Lincolnshire (16)	20	658	33	14
17	Berks and Bucks (17)	18	570	31¾	4
18	Durham (15)	26	803	31	10
19	Leicester and Rutland (19)	10	306	30¾	2
20	Northumberland (23)	20	609	30½	3
21	Essex (22)	19	549	29	4
22	Lancashire (East) (20)	91	2561	28¼	24
23	Monmouthshire (26)	8	206	25¾	6
24	Norths and Hunts (21)	9	227	25¼	4
25	S. Wales (West) (27)	9	218	24¼	5
26	Herts (24)	14	307	22	1
27	Middlesex (25)	31	653	21¼	5
28	Cheshire (29)	36	719	20	8
29	Suffolk (28)	20	385	19¼	7
30	Cumberland and Westmoreland (31)	19	347	18¼	5
31	Hereford (32)	4	73	18¼	0
32	Norfolk (36)	16	289	18¼	5
33	Derbyshire (34)	19	314	16¾	3
34	Yorkshire (N. and E.) (30)	27	451	16¾	7
35	N. Wales and Salop (35)	26	403	15½	6
36	Lancashire (West) (39)	81	1206	15	6
37	Notts (33)	13	191	14¾	2
38	Devon (37)	50	562	11¼	11
39	Cornwall (38)	28	292	10½	1
40	Beds (40)	5	50	10	0
41	Cambridgeshire (41)	4	39	9¾	2
42	Channel Islands (42)	12	80	6¾	0
43	Isle of Man (43)	3	0	0	0
	Total	985	29,303	21	288

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AN EARLY CHESHIRE FREEMASON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the Probate Court at Chester is preserved the will of "Edward Kinge, of Halton, co: Chester, *freemason*," which is dated 15 May 1606, and was proved 7 June 1607. I have examined the will and the only other allusion to the Craft which it contains is a mention of "William Kinge, of Halton, *freemason*," probably the testator's brother.

I am, yours fraternally,

J.W. 148.

P.S.—From the *Bradford Antiquary*, part 1, I copy the following inscription from Thornton old church:—

THIS CHAPPELL
WAS BUILDED BY
(name obliterated)
FREEMASON IN THE
YEARE OF OUR
LORDE 1612.

Possibly some of your correspondents will kindly communicate other early notices of Freemasonry of which there is existing contemporary evidence.

In my former communication, *Penket* should be *Penket*.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

CASE OF E. M. PENNY, No. 15.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—With reference to your remarks in last Saturday's issue, the amount of the late Bro. Penny's personal effects was £2,200. Of this sum it *now* shows, after payment of his debts, and expenses of realisation, funeral, &c., that all that remains is an equity of redemption worth £200, and a little household furniture worth about £50. Total £250. Of this the widow is entitled to a third, and the balance (£166) will have to be divided between the six children, of whom the candidate is one. The widow, therefore, with the exception of the above, is entirely dependent on her other children.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

THE ADMINISTRATOR.

[We have great pleasure in publishing the above letter. We are well aware that in commenting on the various cases which come under notice we often experience difficulties, owing to the incompleteness of the information it is in our power to acquire. In this case, the petition represented that the mother of the candidate was in receipt of an income of £50 a year, and when, in the interim between the presentation of the petition and the issue of the voting papers for the next election, we discovered that amended letters of administration had been granted for personalty sworn under £3000 instead of £1500, as originally announced, we not unnaturally came to the conclusion that as the estate had been doubled, so likewise had the income. However, we are much obliged to our correspondent for his clear and straightforward explanation. It is evident the case of the girl Penny is one which deserves to be supported, and successfully supported into the bargain; and we trust those of our readers who may not yet have pledged their votes will give this daughter of a deceased worthy and respected brother all the assistance they can.—ED. F.C.]

The Rt. Wor. Prov. G.M. N. Wales and Shropshire, Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., will hold his Annual Provincial Grand Lodge, at Newport, Salop, on Tuesday, 26th April 1881, and will consecrate the Audley Lodge, No. 1896.

The Secretary of a Lodge, which meets within a hundred miles of Charing Cross, has written us a letter for the purpose of advising us to caution our readers against a certain brother and his better-half, who, according to his statement, are travelling the country announcing a kind of entertainment which may, perhaps, be best described as "doing" the Provincials. We are sensible of the grave impropriety of such conduct, even in the case of a non-Mason, and we so far fall in with the wishes of our correspondent as to suggest to our Provincial friends that they must be on their guard against peripatetic showmen in general, and the pair of whom our brother complains in particular. Let them strictly avoid having anything whatever to do with any people, be they who they may, who trade upon Masonry.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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COMBERMERE LODGE, No. 605.

THE annual festival was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Queen's Hotel, Park-entrance, Birkenhead. There were several visitors present, amongst them being Bros. W. Marquis W.M. 537, John Dutton P.M. 1576 and 477, J. P. Platt 537 P.P.J.G.W., Hon. H. Holbrook P.M. (first P.M. 605), Donald Fraser P.M. and Treas. 477, Frederick Thompson I.P.M. 477, John Wallworth S.D. 1576, W. H. Miller 673, P. H. Dunne 1620, Joseph B. Sparks S.W. 1289, W. S. Stanton P.M. 1289, J. Armstrong P.M. 148, H. Martin P.M. 477, &c. About fifty members of the Lodge were present. The lodge having been opened in due form by the retiring W.M., Bro. Thomas Gregory, and the minutes of the previous meeting being read and confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. Albert E. Coveney S.W., was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Thomas Gregory in a very able and most impressive manner. The new W.M. then invested his Officers as follow: — Bros. Thomas Gregory I.P.M., Joseph Sillitoe P.M. P.P.G.J. Treas. (re-elected for 12th time), Geo. J. Davis S.W., Joseph R. Simm J.W., Monkman Bielby Sec., Owen Jones S.D., A. Moore J.D., T. M. Bleakley I.G., Jas. Clarke D.C., George Grant S.S., Alfred Judd J.S., Alexander Bleakley Organist, and Bro. Holtaway Tyler. On the conclusion of the ceremony, the W.M. invested the I.P.M. with a very handsome P.M's. jewel, of gold, enriched with a diamond—provided by the Lodge. In performing this pleasant duty the W.M. spoke in high terms of Bro. Gregory, and said that the I.P.M. had, by his excellent rendering of the ritual, and his zeal and perseverance in the general working of the Lodge, given the greatest possible satisfaction to the officers and brethren; and that in so saying, he, the W.M., but echoed the sentiments and opinions of the whole Lodge. After Bro. Gregory had very feelingly replied, the W.M. proceeded to invest Bro. Simm J.W. with a Past Secretary's jewel of 18 carat gold and enamel, which had been subscribed for by members of the Lodge, in recognition of the high esteem in which he was held, and his valuable services in the capacity of Secretary of the Lodge for the past three years. The W.M. remarked that their P.Sec. had fulfilled his duties with the utmost willingness and fidelity—reflecting great credit upon the Lodge and himself. Bro. the Hon. H. Holbrook P.M. P.P.G.Sup. Works, of New Westminster, M. and A., of British Columbia, moved that a letter of condolence should be sent in the name of the Lodge to the widow of the late Bro. Pickering, of new Brighton. He mentioned that he himself, when Master of the Lodge, shortly after its foundation, had the pleasure of initiating Bro. Pickering, who, though not of late years a member of the Lodge, was highly respected in the Craft as well as in private life. Bro. Henry Davis P.M., seconded the motion, which was supported by Bro. McNerney P.M., who spoke in feeling terms of the universal regret which was felt throughout the district at the sudden death of Bro. Pickering. The motion was carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and sat down to a *récherche* banquet. The dinner over, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured in the way peculiar to the Craft. The toast of the D.G.M., the Prov. G.M., and Prov. Grand Officers past and present was responded to by Bro. Platt P.P.J.G.W., and Bro. Holbrook P.P.G. Sup. Works, the latter of whom spoke of the pleasure it gave him to be once more present at a meeting of the Combermere Lodge, of which he was one of the founders, and which he had never ceased to remember with interest while in his far-off country. He also paid a well-deserved compliment to the exertions of Bro. Platt on behalf of the Charities in the Province, particularly the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution, the establishment of which was mainly due to his exertions. The toast of the "Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution, and other Masonic Charities," was responded to by Bro. Platt; The "Worshipful Master," proposed by Bro. Gregory I.P.M. The W.M. in his reply spoke of the harmony that existed in the Lodge, and had no doubt it would continue during his year of office. He trusted they would have work to do of the right stamp—the initiating of good men and true, as well as the ordinary work of the Lodge. The other toasts were the "Installing Master," proposed by Bro. McNerney, responded to by Bro. Gregory; the "Past Masters," responded to by Bros. Holbrook and McNerney; the "Visiting Brethren," responded to by Bros. Marquis, Dutton, Fraser, and Martin; the "Officers of the Lodge," responded to by Bro. G. J. Davis S.W.; and the "Musical Brethren," responded to by Bro. Owen Jones. The "Tyler's Toast," brought to a conclusion an evening spent with much harmony and brotherly love.

NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813.

THE installation meeting of this highly popular Lodge took place at the Guildhall Tavern, in the presence of a large assemblage of members and visitors, on Thursday, 18th inst., when, in consequence of the great amount of business, the brethen assembled at 3.30. Bro. Sampson George W.M., after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, proceeded to raise Bros. Chubb, Tedman and Perl, and this impressive ceremony was never better worked. Then followed the initiation of Messrs. F. W. Willcocks, A. Perl, and Douglas Martin Sherwill (Manager of Guildhall Coffee House and Tavern) each being taken *seriatim*. Mr. Chas. Lauri jun. was also to have been initiated, but was prevented at the last moment attending. The ceremony of installing Bro. William Pierpoint was the next business, and Bro. George received at its close the congratulations of all for his excellent working. Bro. Cusworth also acted very efficiently as D.C., whilst the Chaplain the Rev. C. F. Stevens, Ph. D., rendered goodly service at the organ during all the ceremonies. The investiture of Officers was then made, as follows:—Bros. Sampson George Immediate Past Master, L. C. Haslip S.W., H. T. Tiddeman J.W., Rev. C. F. Stevens, Ph. D., Chaplain, John Stillwell P.M. Treasurer, R. R. Harper P.M. Secretary, A. J. Potter S.D.,

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Peter Hurnett J.D., G. Mustoe I.G., Sinclair D.C., J. Boulton W.S., H. H. Allardyce Asst. W.S., C. T. Speight Tyler. The duties of the Lodge being completed, it was closed. The brethren adjourned to a banquet served in Bros. Ritter and Clifford's best style, the tables were beautifully decorated with flowers, and the *menu* a perfect work of art. It seemed that Bro. Sherwill's genial countenance amongst the initiates tended to sweeten the viands, and we venture to say that the whole of the large number of brethren thoroughly enjoyed the repast which had the sweets of labour attached to it. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts I.P.M. George made an eloquent speech in praise of the W.M., who, by the proficiency of his working in the Lodge, had proved himself equal to the high position he had attained; he trusted he would be spared in health to fulfil its obligations. The W.M. in reply, said he could approach the duties of the chair with the greatest confidence, having so efficient an I.P.M.; he trusted he should leave the chair with the same kindly feelings his predecessor had carried away. The W.M. proposed the health of the I.P.M., and said how much he was indebted to Bro. George for the assistance he had always received at his hands. The Lodge fully admitting his assiduity, he had much pleasure in affixing a P.M.'s jewel on his breast, in token that they would never forget his services. Bro. I.P.M. George in reply said, he had endeavoured to uphold the dignity of the chair, and it would have given him greater satisfaction had he had more time to spare. At the same time, owing to the kindly feeling that existed in the Lodge, and the good Officers who had so ably assisted him, the difficulties were removed; he thanked them most heartily for their kind support, and had much pleasure in personally presenting Bro. R. R. Harper P.M., the Secretary, with a jewel, in return for the valuable assistance he had received from him. A toast from the chair—the Secretary and Treasurer—met with hearty support. Bro. P.M. Stillwell said his office was no sinecure without a good Secretary; and he spoke most highly of the great assistance he had received from P.M. Harper. P.M. Harper in responding to his health felt very deeply the kind manner the brethren had received the toast, and how highly they appreciated his services: at the same time he assured them he should do his best to give satisfaction in the future as he had endeavoured to do in the past. The Officers' toast was duly received and responded to by the S.W. and J.W., the J.W. remarking that one object of his life had been to occupy the position he then filled, and to progress from the time he was initiated. The toast of the Past Masters followed, and was responded to by Bros. Gabb, Cusworth, Stead, Harper, Pearcy and Driscoll. The toast of the Initiates, as usual, was most heartily received, and each one said how much he was impressed by the beautiful ceremony; it would be their great aim to push forward and attain the high honour of passing the chair. Bro. D. Sherwill was especially well received. He acknowledged, with feelings of gratitude, the honour which had been conferred upon him by the brethren of the New Concord Lodge by admitting him to the privileges of the ancient and honourable Institution of Freemasonry. He must say that of the twenty-eight Lodges and Chapters which assembled in that house, he had, after due consideration, selected the New Concord, because of the continued friendly disposition of its members, and the kindly feelings which always pervaded their meetings. He was much indebted to their excellent Immediate Past Master, Bro. S. George, for the way in which he had put the initiates through their facings; and on his own behalf he thanked Bro. P.M. Stead for having proposed him, and Bro. P.M. Bartlett, who was not present, for having seconded his nomination. It should be his earnest endeavour to become an apt student of the art of Masonry, to become a credit to this old and distinguished Lodge, and to justify the confidence which had been reposed in him by those who had so kindly acted as his sponsors. It was a great pleasure and honour to be associated with such gentlemen as he saw around him; and the gratification he now experienced would remain in his recollection as long as his life lasted. The reception accorded to his name was a compliment he sincerely and deeply appreciated, and his entrance into the honourable fraternity of Freemasonry would never be effaced from his memory. Bro. Sherwill resumed his seat amidst renewed and prolonged cheering. The toast of the Visitors was next given and heartily greeted. Bros. Past Masters Pearcy and Driscoll spoke of the good working, also of the princely manner in which they had been received. Songs and recitations by the brethren concluded what every one admitted to be a most enjoyable evening.

METHAM LODGE, No. 1205.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 21st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Caroline-place, Stonehouse. There was a large attendance, as is usual in this flourishing Lodge. Bro. Thomas E. Peek, by the unanimous voice of the Lodge, was installed as W. Master, the impressive ceremony being very ably performed by the retiring Master W. Bro. Hugh Cameron, assisted by W. Bros. Wm. Powell P.M. and Secretary, and Thomas Gibbons I.P.M., in a Board of Installed Masters. The Officers appointed and invested were Bros. Hugh Cameron I.P.M., W. H. Hunt S.W., Richard Dickson J.W., Daniel Cross P.M. Treasurer, William Powell P.M. Sec., R. S. Smith S.D., Philip Dunn J.D., Thomas Gibbons P.M. Org., Lemuel Martin I.G., George Wilson D.C., John Hayward S.S., H. E. Sitters J.S., T. Gidley Tyler. The usual business consequent on the yearly meeting having been satisfactorily disposed of, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, at Devonport, for the banquet, which was supplied to the satisfaction of the eighty guests by Bro. Parker. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. J. E. Curtis responded for the Prov. Grand Lodge, and in few but well-chosen words spoke of times gone by as well as the present. Alluding to the late P.G. Master Bro. Huyshe, he hoped the Lodge, and the brethren individually, would all join to perpetuate his memory—not by a painted window, which few would see, placed in a church, not in accordance with universal Masonry; but by a scheme of education, which would have met the approval of Bro. Huyshe, and which was universally advocated in this part of the Province. The task of proposing the health of the W. Master was a pleasant duty for W. Bro. Powell, since he had to present a jewel, which had been voluntarily subscribed for by the brethren, and which it was universally admitted he fully deserved. The handsome gold jewel was inscribed as follows:—"Presented by the brethren of Metham Lodge 1205 to Bro. Hugh Cameron I.P.M., as a token of their fraternal regard, 1881." Bro. Peek presided. The evening was enlivened by appropriate songs, glees, &c. Bro. Thomas Gibbons presided at the piano and conducted.

HEMMING LODGE, No. 1512.

THE annual election of this Lodge took place at the Lodge room, Hampton, on Thursday, 17th inst., where a full muster of brethren put in an appearance, while among the Visitors may be named Bro. H. C. Levander Prov. G. Secretary of the Province, whom the W.M. requested the brethren to greet with the honours due to his rank, the Lodge at the time being in the sublime degree. Bro. B. J. Jeffery of the Urban Lodge 1196 and P.M. 201 visited the Lodge, for the first time, to meet some of his oldest Masonic friends; and as the special guest of the W.M. Bro. J. Faulkner W.M. elect of the Era 1423; Bro. C. S. Costelow, holding an analogous position in the Royal Alfred 780; Bro. Jackson Lawrence of the Industry 186, and Bro. W. Lamb of the Wolsey 1656. The W.M., Thomas William Ockenden, addressing the candidate for the second degree, elicited from Bro. Spearing a very creditable result, proving emphatically his fitness for the honour sought; and which was in due form very ably conferred. Two other brethren were as ably introduced to the mysteries of the third degree. Among the other brethren present were Bro. T. C. Walls, the future Master, for at a later period in the proceedings he was duly made W.M. elect; Bros. J. C. Jessett I.P.M., John Hammond P.M. P. Prov. G.D., Edward Hopwood P.M. P. Prov. G.S.B., Francis Honeywell P.M. Prov. G.O. Organist, Wm. Hammond P.M. P. Prov. G.D. Secretary, Thos. Moody I.G., Alfred Tozer S.S., W. C. Davey J.S., and lay brethren Grosvenor Phillips, William Messenger, Harry Tagg, Wm. Beauchamp, R. M. Axford, A. Jackson, E. Russell, George Cornelius Dohoo, G. Ransford, &c. In justice to the brother whom it deeply affects Masonically, we make the following extract from the minutes read by the Secretary, unanimously confirmed by the brethren, and duly signed by the W.M.:—"The Secretary read a letter from Bro. John Hurst, one of the founders and a P.M. of the Lodge, and Prov. G. Pursuivant Middlesex, in which were detailed circumstances that had transpired with respect to his admission into a Lodge in a Province to which he had removed, affording proof that some person from this locality had circulated injurious reports respecting his character as a man and a Mason." Resolved unanimously, "That this Lodge expresses its sincere sympathy with Bro. John Hurst under the circumstances, and deeply regrets that so worthy a brother and honourable a man should be subjected to the effects of the tongue of slander when taking up his abode in a new district, and offers to support him in any position in which honour, industry and Masonic worth are among the qualifications set forth as an essential possession for the attainment of his object." After the election of the W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. E. Hopwood was unanimously re-elected to the office of Treasurer, and Bro. Gilbert Prov. G.T. to that of Tyler. On rising for propositions, the usual vote of five guineas from the funds of the Lodge was unanimously made to the W.M. on his retirement from the office, when several of the Past Masters complimented Bro. Ockenden upon his effective exertions during the period he had occupied the chair of King Solomon. In thanking the brethren for the grant, the W.M. expressed his gratification at this mark of high appreciation, but intimated that he should very much prefer that the amount should be spent in aid of the funds of one of the three Masonic Charities. This, however, met with determined opposition, and Past Master John Hammond, on the ground of the financial success achieved by the W.M. in the past twelve months, gave notice of motion to take ten guineas from the funds of the Lodge for a life-governorship of one of the Charities, in the name of Bro. Ockenden during his membership of the Hemming, and at such termination to pass in perpetuity to the Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the time being. This proposition met with the general approbation of the members. Other Masonic business having been completed, the Bye-laws read, some alterations proposed by Past Master John Hammond, and a gentleman balloted for as a member and for future initiation, the meeting was formally closed, and the brethren, to the number of about thirty, adjourned to a moderate but well-spread banquet, for which the host, Bro. W. Ballard, of the Lion Hotel, was deservedly commended. In the after proceedings an hour of congratulatory enjoyment took place, such as a Lodge of harmonious Masons only can conceive and appreciate. In the course of this period all the Royal, Masonic, and official toasts were given, under the presidency of the W.M., who was very warmly congratulated on the termination of, in every respect, one of the most successful years of office in the Hemming Lodge.

York Mark Lodge (T.I.).—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on Tuesday. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M. (Bro. W. C. Lukis), the chair was occupied by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. There was no business of importance. The report of the auditors was read and adopted, and the acting W.M. announced that since the last meeting two Mark Lodges had been formed at Middlesbro and Malton, respectively. Bro. Broadley, Prov. G. Master of Malta and Tunis, had officiated as consecrating officer, and he hoped that as they now had six Mark Lodges in the Province there was a probability of the formation of a Provincial Grand Lodge, which he felt sure was in every way most desirable. The Lodge having been closed the brethren met at refreshment, and had a couple of hours of pleasant intercourse.

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SCIENTIFIC LODGE, No. 840.

THE annual installation of the W.M. of this Lodge took place on Monday, 21st inst., at the Victoria Hotel, Wolverton, Bro. B. King P.M. P.P.G.S.B. being again placed into the chair of the Lodge. At the time appointed for the assembly there were present, besides several members of the Lodge, Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C. Deputy Grand Master of the Province, and several Visitors from the neighbouring Lodges, the following brethren having signed the attendance book:—Bros. T. Taylor P.M. P.G. Steward, J. R. Wilmer P.M. Prov. G.D., J. Line J.D., and W. Wilmer of SS. Peter and Paul Lodge, Newport Pagnell, J. Reeve P.M. Prov. J.G.W., W. H. Robinson P.M., W. H. Bull W.M., G. B. Valentine P.M., and Gilkes, of Watling-street Lodge, Stony Stratford, J. McCubbin P.M. P.P.J.G.W. St. Barnabas Lodge, Linslade, Parkes St. Peters Lodge, Wolverhampton, Simpson Edinburgh and Leith Lodge, W. W. Morgan jun. FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, &c. Bro. W. F. Large, the W.M. of the past year, having opened the Lodge, the Secretary proceeded to read the minutes, which, after some discussion, were confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was next formally presented and received. It showed the Lodge to be in a very flourishing position, the balance this year being considerably more than at the corresponding period of last year. The W.M. brought forward a proposition, of which he had given notice, to the effect that the sum of ten guineas be voted to the funds of the Boys' School; in doing so he referred to the hearty appeal made by Bro. Binckes at the Provincial Grand Lodge, and said that he should like to show that the remarks then made had been productive of some good to the School. The proposition was then put and carried unanimously. The next business was a proposition by Bro. Reeve, that the ten guineas awarded to the Lodge from the Charity Fund of the Province be given to the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund. Bro. Reeve stated that since he had made this proposition, a question had arisen as to whether the Assistance Fund was recognised by the Provincial Charity Fund as one of the Masonic Charities; this, coupled with other information he had received, and which he did not deem it necessary to make public, had induced him to amend—if the Lodge would allow it—his proposition, and he now desired that the money at the disposal of the Lodge should go to the Boys' School. This amended proposition was seconded by Bro. King, and eventually carried unanimously. The installation of the Worshipful Master was then proceeded with, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master assuming the chair as Installing Master. The ceremony being completed, the newly-installed W.M. invested the following brethren as Officers for the year:—Bros. Longstaff S.W., Wade J.W., Rev. F. W. Harnett Chap., W. H. Robinson Treas., A. Culverhouse Sec., Sutcliffe S.D., A. Lindow J.D., W. Mackey Organist, Webb D.C., Clayton Steward, Powell I.G., Bonser Tyler. The name of one gentleman, the son of one of the oldest members of the Lodge, was handed in as a candidate for initiation, after which Lodge closed and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was provided by Bro. Hicks, in his usual first-class style. The *menu* was of the most satisfactory character, the enjoyment being greatly enhanced by the excellent way in which the banquet was served. On the removal of the cloth the usual toasts were proposed from the chair, that of the Queen and the Craft was heartily acknowledged, as also was the Most Worshipful the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, which the W.M. gave in a very eulogistic manner. This toast was followed by that of the Pro. Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the Past and Present Grand Officers of England. The next toast, the W.M. observed, was one which came a little nearer home. Those who held Provincial rank could bear testimony to the excellency of the working of the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., and it was in his honour that he now called upon the brethren to rise; he was sure it was a toast which every Mason present would drink most heartily, Sir Daniel Gooch was a true Mason and one who performed the duties of his high office in an admirable manner. He had had the pleasure of seeing the working of the Provincial Grand Lodge and could testify to the excellent manner in which it was carried out. Bro. W. H. Bull said he had been entrusted by the W.M. with the proposal of the next toast, that of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Officers Past and Present of Berks and Bucks. Bro. Brownrigg had stated that he was extremely sorry that he was unable to stop to their banquet that evening; he was a Bro. Mason so well known to them that it would be superfluous to say much about him. They always recognised in his presence an extra star amongst them—they could not fix upon a more valuable man and Mason than Bro. Brownrigg. He therefore felt sure they would all join with him in wishing Bro. Brownrigg a long life, and hoped he would live many years to occupy his present position. There were several Masons present who now wore the purple, and others who had done so. There was one amongst the latter of these whom they would all feel proud of, viz., their Worshipful Master. He had already congratulated Bro. King on his taking his seat, for the second time, in the chair of King Solomon, and sincerely hoped, under his excellent and judicious management, the Lodge would have a most successful year. With the toast he would couple the names of Bros. McCubbin and Reeve. Bro. Reeve observed too much praise could not be said in behalf of that Provincial Grand Master, or of his abilities as a Mason and a gentleman. With reference to what the Provincial Grand Officers did for the work of the different Lodges, he believed they did it most heartily, honestly, sincerely and well. They were especially encouraged in this course by the fact that Bro. Brownrigg was the acting man, and they knew wherever he was engaged the work would be done well. He thought, however, that the work would be done better, and also be to the advantage of a great many of the brethren if it were done nearer home. For instance, if the Provincial Lodges were held within twenty or thirty miles of a district were all could attend, it would then be more satisfactory for those situated in the north-east part of the Province. It was particularly inconvenient to those in the county who were anxious to attend the Lodges when they were held in another county. He thanked them for the very kind way in which they had associated his name with the toast. Bro. McCubbin said he was glad to be able to inform them that the next Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Aylesbury, when he hoped the W.M.'s of the different Lodges in the neighbourhood would put in an appearance in full force, and demonstrate to the Lodges in the County of Berks that they were strong enough to have a Provincial Lodge of their own. They were all aware of what an extraordinary Deputy Provincial Grand Master they had in Bro. Brownrigg, who was so well acquainted with the minutest details in connection with the working of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The fact of the Lodge being held nearer home would give the brethren an excellent opportunity of witnessing its working; and he trusted that none would let the opportunity slip by without visiting it, so as to make themselves conversant with the splendour of its ritual and the excellence of its management. Bro. Large I.P.M. said a pleasing duty devolved upon him, being that of the proposal of the toast, The Worshipful Master. He could not say too much in eulogy of Bro. King, for he had proved himself an excellent Master of the Scientific Lodge, besides being its very backbone. He sincerely hoped a kind Providence would restore him to health and strength, and grant him that continuation of health which was so essential to him, and to his successful conduct of the Lodge. Brother King thanked them very heartily for those expressions of goodwill and kindness which they had manifested on that occasion. It was not the first by many which they had exhibited, and he trusted it would not be the last. The fact of his being placed in the position of W.M. that day was somewhat of an accident. He would try to do his best in that position, and endeavour to be punctual as far as possible, and, relying on the excellent support of the Past Masters, I.P.M., and Wardens, he thought he should get through the duties of his office comfortably and satisfactorily. Should it be his good fortune to remain in office during the twelve months ensuing, he would try to warrant the kindness they had exhibited towards him on that day. While relying constantly on the support of those eminent Past Masters, he thought he might, without flattery, name them individually, beginning from the senior. There was his true and esteemed friend, the acting Senior Warden that evening, Bro. Aveline, whose zeal and energy in anything he took in hand was especially remarkable; and following him was Bro. Robinson, their excellent Treas.; and then their esteemed and able Sec., Bro. Culverhouse, learned in the legal laws of Masonry; and lastly, their energetic Immediate Past Master, Bro. Large, whom to follow they must go at a good speed. Relying on such support, he rested in the firm hope of being able to pass a pleasant and prosperous year. The W.M. said the next toast was an important one in that Lodge, namely, "The Past Masters of the Scientific Lodge." Speaking of Brother Aveline, he considered the very fact of his acting in the capacity that he was doing that evening, was only another instance of his readiness at all times to take office, or do anything for the furtherance of Freemasonry. Bro. Robinson had also much work in connection with the Lodge. Bro. Reeve had proved himself a Masonic Star in the Province, besides being possessed with eminent legal knowledge of Masonry. Brother Culverhouse was an excellent Secretary, and he need scarcely tell them that the secretaryship was not now a duty that could easily be performed, for there were such a number of forms to fill up, similar in their perplexities to the forms of the Science and Art Department, requiring great care in execution. Referring to the Past Masters who were absent from the Lodge, he remarked that he had had a communication from Bro. Hales, who was greatly esteemed by the brethren, asking him to say to all inquiring friends—and he had many—that he was extremely sorry to be away from that meeting; when told who was to be the new Worshipful Master, he said, "I wish I could make a rhyme about it." He regretted Bro. Hales was not amongst them, prepared with his rhyme, but was glad to report that their much respected brother was a little better in health. Bro. King then referred to the I.P.M., Bro. Large, and said that although he had left his name to last, it was not in any sense the least. It gave him great pleasure to present Bro. Large with the Past Master's jewel as a token of the esteem of the brethren. Bro. Large very suitably acknowledged the compliment. Bros. Robinson, Reeve, and Culverhouse also replied to the toast. The other toasts during the evening were the Visitors, replied to by Bros. W. H. Bull, T. Taylor, J. R. Wilmer, Simpson, and Parkes. The Masonic Charities, proposed by Bro. Reeve and acknowledged by Bro. Taylor, the Officers of the Scientific Lodge, the Chaplain, Treasurer and Secretary, and Tyler. The harmony of the evening was sustained by Bro. Hall, who sang "Cold everywhere," Bro. W. Wilmer, with "Molly Bawn," Bro. Thorne, "Hearts of Oak," &c.

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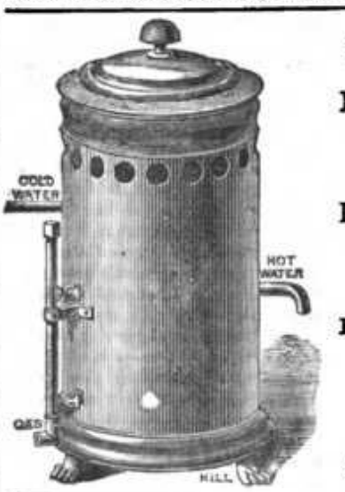
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Leeds under the British in Pre-Historic Times, up to 55 B.C.

Leeds can justly claim to be a place of great antiquity. There is some evidence that in the pre-historic days of the ancient Britons it was a locality of some importance originating with them, and of which Leeds may well be proud, for its ancestors date from the earliest race known to have dwelt in the land: thus Leeds is not indebted for its origin to either the Romans or the Normans, who afterwards conquered and ruled over this land.

The earliest records of Leeds that are known are those of Nennius (Abbot of Bangor in the ninth century), who describes twenty-eight towns which owed their origin to the Britons, and which the Romans, upon their invasion, found to have had a previous existence. In these records Leeds is described as Caer-soid-Coit, or City in the Wood (the latter meaning wood), and consisted, probably, in those early days (as its name infers) of a wood, possibly fortified, after the manner of the ancient people, by ditches and ramparts, within which fortifications our ancestors probably erected huts and stalls, for the shelter and abode of themselves and their cattle; and by means of the earthen fortifications and trees they would protect themselves from the attacks of enemies.

Considering that these people are often described as our barbarian ancestors, it is well to remember that the conquests of them by Cæsar 55 B.C.,; by Agricola's 7th and last campaign, 84 A.D., at the time he was Governour of Great Britain, 28 years later; and by Severus, who died at York, 274 A.D., testify that our remote ancestors possessed features of such merit as to justify Julius Cæsar in describing very fully their habits and customs; and when we consider the fact that at the present time, Leeds is one of the most important centres of the iron industry of this country, it is well to remember what we owe to these progenitors of the English race, who, according to the story of the invasion of Julius Cæsar, 55 B.C., and the writings of Ptolemy, were skilled in the use of metal, and made bronze (a mixture of copper). They also possessed one of the great characteristics of civilisation—a stamped gold coinage about 200 B.C., and conducted mining operations in Cornwall, and probably elsewhere. They possessed roads of primitive character, by means of which they possibly carried on commerce with people outside of their own domains, thus indicating, by their habits and productions, an origin of an exceedingly remote period. But few memorials are left in this part of the country of these ancient British inhabitants, except some few names of rivers and places, which I have not had time to fully investigate, but there are many proofs that at this period they were not without some knowledge of those mechanical arts that have contributed so much to the growth and prosperity of Leeds in more recent times.

Leeds during the Roman Period, from B.C. 75 to A.D. 415.

We now pass, in the history of Leeds, to the invasion of this country (by the Romans, who found the British people a valiant race, who so much retarded the efforts of the Romans to subdue them that it was more than a hundred years after the first invasion, during the reign of Vespasian, that the country to the North of the Humber (in which Leeds is situated, was brought under subjection.

During the Roman occupation and rule, Leeds seems to have had a recognised position in this country, but with the civilization of Rome we have a great change in the habits of our British forefathers, who by degrees learned the habits of the Romans, although in a school of great severity, amounting practically to slavery.

Amongst other things which the Romans did was the improvement and the making of good roads, and some of them in the district of Leeds have been traced, in which work they evinced great skill. Those roads best known in this district are the following, (and which have been fully described by Dr. Whitaker):—

1. The road to Danum, or Doncaster; Legeolium, or Castleford, to Calcaria (Tadcaster), and from thence to Eboracum (York).

2. The road from Calcaria, or Tadcaster, through Cambodunum (Slack) to Mancunium (Manchester), which passed through Leeds in a line a little near to Briggate, and continuing past Morley and Gildersome. The road from Calcaria to Mancunium, passing Cambodunum, or Slack, being afterwards abandoned and taken in the direction of Cleckheaton.

3. A road from Castleford through Addle, or Adel (where most important discoveries of Roman altars, pottery, bronzes, &c., and other evidence of an extensive and important settlement have been uncovered) towards Olicana (Ilkeley); but to those who care to pursue the subject further I refer them to Leland and (more recently) Leyland, Holmes, and others, who have traced with great accuracy, after fifteen centuries, these wonderful works; and described in their writings the marvellous skill with which these works were constructed.

It was near to these roads that the principal Roman stations were formed, and there is little doubt but that there was a Roman station, or camp, at Leeds, on the road from Calcaria (or Tadcaster) to Cambodunum (or Slack), and the discovery of Roman remains in Leeds all confirm what is now generally admitted, that the Romans made Leeds a settlement of some importance, and during the Roman period this district seems to have had a very intimate relationship to York, which was a town greatly favoured by them, and in which some of their Emperors and distinguished men occasionally resided; evidences of whose domestic luxury, the vessels, personal ornaments, and the remains of the dead, testify; thus York received many advantages arising from their wealth and courtly surroundings.

Leeds during the Saxon Period, from A.D. 415 to A.D. 1069.

This district was the scene of many of the fearful ravages of Saxon days, but no special reference is made to it until the time of the Venerable Bede, who was born in 664. He mentions Leeds, calling it Loidis-en-Elmete.

From the fifth century to A.D. 828 this locality was under the rule of one of the many Chieftains who held supremacy during the interregnum which preceded the supremacy of Egbert, the first Saxon king of England of whom we have any record, and the only association with Leeds that is known, during this period, is that of Edwin, the first Christian chieftain, a monarch of Northumbria, who had one of his residences at Osmondthorpe, in Leeds.

This truly great monarch was defeated and killed at Hatfield, near Doncaster, by Penda, King of Mercia, and his successors—Ostio, and Eanfrid, and Oswald—during the latter period of whose reign Christianity was extended amongst the Northumbrians. In the year 655 Winmoor (Winsedfield), situate at Seacroft, near Leeds, was the scene of a great battle between Penda and Oswry, the brother and successor of Oswald. Oswry was victorious, and as a thankoffering for the victory which Providence had given him, he devoted his daughter, Elfleda to a conventual life, in the Abbey of St. Hilda, at Whitby. This battle is associated with the River Aire, by the Record of Venerable Bede (born a few years after), who states that more of the Mercians were drowned as they fled in the Winwæd, or Aire, (whose banks overflowed at the time) than had fallen by the swords of the Northumbrians.

During the Scandinavian—or wars of the Sea Kings, as they were called—which followed the recognition of Egbert's rule, and who finally subdued Yorkshire, we find a record that these Sea Kings had a settlement at Grant's Hill, Armley, near Leeds, and thus settling in the district, were amalgamated with the Saxon population, both of whom in 860 submitted to the rule of Alfred (truly called the Great), who restored this country to order, and inaugurated a period of great progress in arts and commerce.

Amongst many local associations which have been traced in names and places of our Saxon ancestors in this district, the writer has discovered their footprints in a locality so near to his own hearth, that he hopes he may be pardoned for introducing the subject here. The tract of land on which he now resides, is specially referred to and described by our Saxon forefathers as "A lep" from its abounding with the Alder trees, so that "A lep don" signifies the Alder-hill, by which name the place is known at the present time.

At Barwick-in Elmete, Osmondthorpe, Gipton, Burdsay (all very near to Leeds), remains of Saxons have been found; also at Dewsbury, a town a few miles from Leeds, both of which towns were the scene of the great labours of Paulinus, a missionary Bishop of the Northumbrians, about A.D. 625. A subsequent historian refers to an ancient cross which was inscribed—*Paulinus hic praedicavit et celebravit*—"Paulinus here preached and administered the ordinances;" and it is probable, therefore, that Leeds formed part of a very extensive Saxon parish in which he often preached and administered the ordinances of the church. It comprised, probably, within its jurisdiction the whole or largest portion of that independent kingdom of Elmete of which Leeds appears to have been at the time the capital, and which formed part of the territory ruled over by those great Saxon kings, Alfred, Athelstan, Edmund, and the pious and truly great Edward; men who, in the so-called darkness of those ages, possessed qualities greatly to be admired, and by which the character of the English nation was moulded so as to gradually combine all the attributes which have conduced to its success and power in subsequent times.

Leeds from the Norman Period A.D. 1066 to 1603.

In the opinion of Thoresby and the most reliable historians of this district, Leeds in the Roman and Saxon times was a place of some importance. According to Bede, the population of Leeds A.D. 664 would not probably exceed 300; and the entire parish not more than 1200; but I think it may be safely assumed, considering the many records we have of Leeds and the district in Roman and Saxon times, that in the space of 400 years, to the time of William the Conqueror, the population had increased to some extent.

History informs us that, soon after the Norman Conquest, the Manor of Leeds was given by the Conqueror to Jebert-de-Lacy, who at that time owned the whole of this district.

Leeds Castle was probably built by him or by Ralph Paynel, about this time to whom was subinfeudated the Manor by De Lacy; it stood upon Mill Hill, not far from the river.

We have the record of the extensive moat or park which usually surrounded Norman Castles in the existing names of Park Lane, Park Row, and Park Place.

The Castle was besieged by Stephen in 1139, and about 1399 Richard 2nd was confined in it prior to his removal to Pontefract Castle. Ralph Paynel during his jurisdiction founded the Priory of the Holy Trinity in York and gave to it the Churches of Leeds and Adel in 1089, the latter is at the present time one of the most perfect and interesting memorials of the church from its earliest days in

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this country, and is deserving of a more lengthy reference had time permitted.

From a period extending from the advent of the Normans to the Stuarts, say about 540 years, we have no authentic knowledge of Leeds, excepting some occasional reference to it during the times of the Wars of the Roses, especially interesting in respect of the Battle of Towton, 1461, fought in this neighbourhood, and when about 40,000 men are recorded to have been slain; and during the Wars of the Roses, when the history of this district was distinguished by the great battle of Marston Moor, 2nd July 1644, which took place about the probable period of the sieges of the Castles of Leeds, Pontefract and Wakefield (Sandal Castle); Leeds during this period being successively taken by the Royalists, under the Marquis of Newcastle, and the Parliamentary troops under Sir Thomas Fairfax.

About 1552 Leland speaks of it as "Ledes, two miles lower down than Christal Abbey, on the river Aire, is a praty market towne, having one paroche church, reasonably well builded." To this description of the situation of Leeds, we may add, at the present time, that the town is situated near the northern margin, or "out-crop" of the coal measures, constituting the great midland coalfield, a circumstance which has contributed no little to its commercial prosperity in recent times.

The most important ecclesiastical events, so far as this district is concerned, that occurred during this long period, was the creation of Kirkstall Abbey, by Cistercian Monks, in 1153, and its dissolution by Henry VIII., in 1540, but as this famous and beautiful abbey has already been described by a member of this College,* so well able to tell us its true story, I shall not refer further to it, but, in the language of one of its poets, that

"No more the pealing anthem's strain
Resounds in Kirkstall's walls;
No more the swelling vesper hymn
Is heard when evening falls."

"Where lauds at midnight once were sung,
By torches lurid glare,
The silver moonbeams from on high
Have now an entrance there."

Leeds from 1603 to the present time.

The Borough of Leeds was first incorporated by Charles I. about 1625, soon after he ascended the throne, and it is from this time that we may trace the beginning of that career of prosperity, which (although for many years apparently of very slow growth) has distinguished the history of Leeds. The security which this charter and the two subsequent ones afforded, protected trade from the abuses which had grown in the unsettled days prior to this time, and has enabled Leeds and her productions to become known all over the civilised world. Bishop Parker about this time refers to the importance of Leeds as a manufacturing town, calling it "*oppidum lanificio opulentum*"—"Rich in woollen manufactures." And about the same time, the dukedom of Leeds was created, in the person of Thomas Osborne, who, it is worthy of note, was the descendant of a merchant who amassed great wealth in trading pursuits.

A sketch of the history of Leeds would be most imperfect without some reference to its parish church, dedicated to Saint Peter. The date of the first church is not known, but that there was a Saxon church here admits of little doubt, for in the records of those days it stands first in the description of Leeds, which tells of "a church, a priest, and a mill" that then existed, and this church must have been associated with the conversion of the Saxon king Edwin (who resided at the Villa Regis, or Osmondthorpe Hall, so very near the church), when Paulinus visited this district, and he probably influenced the king to build the church as the first-fruits of his conversion.

One of the most interesting relics of the Saxon church in Leeds is the cross that until recent years stood in the grave ground surrounding the present parish church, upon which was an inscription—Cuni Onlaf. The bearer of this name was a Dane, who entered the Humber in 937; he subsequently became King of Northumbria, and was converted to Christianity. He probably resided in the Villa Regis, now called Osmondthorpe Hall, where afterwards Ethelbert, the first Christian King, converted by Augustine about 625, is recorded to have resided. The cross referred to is supposed to have been erected to the memory of Onlaf about the year 950.

Around this church, from the earliest known period of which any record exists, the history and welfare of the town has been most intimately associated, for the site of the present church is undoubtedly one of very great antiquity. It seems most probable that there was a Saxon church (probably built of timber), at the time when the Saxon Kings of Northumberland had their palace here; and we know, on the authority of the Domesday Book, there was a church here dedicated to St. Peter, at the time of the Norman conquest. Of its parish priests we know nothing till about 1220, when, according to Thoresby, it was constituted a vicarage, and its first vicar was Alanus de Sherburn. In 1837 the great and good Dr. Hook, the late Dean of Chichester, was the vicar, and during whose vicariat the present edifice was built. He was afterwards succeeded by Dr. James Atley (the present Bishop of Hereford) in 1859, by Canon Woodford, D.D. (the present Bishop of Ely) in 1868, and in 1873 by the present vicar, Dr. Gott, all of whom have, by their great zeal and devotion to Leeds, maintained unimpaired the high position which historians have ever given to the old parish church of Leeds.

In the presence of one who has so lucidly placed before the public the records of our parish church,† it would, indeed, be invidious on my part to continue the subject.

Respecting the buildings of Leeds, all that time permits to be mentioned are the new Victoria Town Hall, opened by her Majesty the Queen, in 1858; the new Infirmary, opened in 1869; and the Yorkshire College. The latter is destined, as an affiliation of the new Victoria University, to make Leeds in the future the great centre of Yorkshire for the acquirement of that truly practical and scientific knowledge so necessary to enable this country to maintain its position in arts and manufactures with other nations.

The extensive and convenient mineral resources of Leeds seem to have been known for a long period, as the Romans availed themselves of its clay and ironstone, numerous remains of whose mining operations have from time to time been discovered.

On this subject it is interesting to note that the first railway in this part of the country was made in 1818, for the purpose of conveying coal from the Middleton collieries to Leeds, a distance of about three miles, the wagons of coal (about 15, forming one train load, were drawn by a locomotive engine invented by Mr. J. Blenkinsop). Leeds, therefore, has some claim to the honour of being the birthplace of the railway system. The extraordinary progress of the town from about the time of the opening of this first railway is indicated by the rapid growth of the population, which in 70 years has advanced from 53,162 in 1801 to 259,212 in 1871.

Distinguished Men of Leeds.

Of the many great men to whom Leeds has given birth time will only permit a passing record of a few of those who are gone, but whose name should be ever revered, for in every field of honour, in science, commercial enterprise, and deeds of valour, her sons have in all ages left an indelible mark on the roll of time: of these may be mentioned the following:—

Ralph Thoresby, F.R.S., the distinguished antiquary and historian of Leeds, born in 1658, and to whom Leeds will be ever indebted for his Ducatus Lodiensis, or Topography of the town and parish of Leeds, descriptive of the town and its men of note in the last century; and who, as a faithful writer and scholar of great eminence, and by a life of great benevolence and piety, is entitled to one of the first places in the history of the great and good to whom Leeds has given birth.

Benjamin Wilson, F.R.S., born about 1720, was a painter of considerable eminence, and contributed to electric science great thought and originality, and whose researches have an intimate association with the subsequent important discoveries in that science.

John Smeaton, F.R.S., born in 1724, at Anthorpe, and educated at the Leeds Grammar School, was a civil engineer of great eminence, who, amongst other works indicating mechanical genius, erected under the most difficult conditions, the Eddystone Lighthouse, and other works involving great mechanical and scientific skill; he left a name which will ever be remembered with appreciation by engineers, and will most deservedly occupy an important page in the history of Leeds. He died in 1792.

In 1811 was born Mr. John Blenkinsop, the first mining engineer in this district of whom we have any record, and whose invention of the railway for bringing coal to Leeds at the time when he was manager of the Middleton collieries has been already referred to.

Sir Peter Fairbairn, born 1799, was one to whom Leeds owes very much of her subsequent prosperity; and who, by his great enterprise and skill, occupies one of the highest places in the commercial history of Leeds.

Of eminent men born in the neighbourhood of Leeds we may mention Dr. Priestley, a distinguished philosopher, born at Fieldhead, in 1733, the discoverer, in 1774, of the gas oxygen. This discovery alone must cause him to be remembered, not only as one of the greatest men of any period, but of all time, as this discovery was the foundation of modern chemistry. William Hay, F.R.S., the celebrated surgeon, born 1736: Dr. Bentley and William Congreve, Dr. Hook (previously referred to); General Cockell, a distinguished general in the beginning of this century, and others who by their works deserve to be long and well remembered by the town upon which they shed so bright a lustre.

Masonry in Leeds.

As this College is the Archæological Branch of Masonry, and discharges, under its distinguished Chief Adept, a work of great importance to the intelligent pursuit of Masonry, and thereby fills a long felt want, it may be expected that the writer should make more than a passing reference to the history of Masonry in Leeds; but this is not proposed on the present occasion, especially as there are those present who have a more intimate acquaintance with the records of Leeds Masonry than it has been the privilege of the writer to acquire; and it is sufficient here to record the belief that, with slight interruptions during very troublous periods, Leeds has been associated with Masonry from time immemorial; and we now welcome you to the town in the Hall of its oldest Lodge, Fidelity, No. 289 on the roll of English Masonry. This Lodge was founded in 1792, by a member of a previous Lodge of great antiquity, but which had become extinct a few years previously. The Lodge, after passing through many vicissitudes, and occupying very humble quarters elsewhere, entered into its present home, designed in 1877 for the Lodge by one of the aspirants of this College.* To Knight Templars Leeds is a place of the greatest interest in its associations with Temple Newsam, now the seat of the Hon. Mrs. Meynell Ingram. The Order was founded in 1118, and a Preceptory was established at Temple Newsam, where they continued up to 1311, when the suppression of the Order took place.

In names and places Leeds possesses many other records of the footprints of that Illustrious Order, to which many of us are greatly attached, such as Temple Bridge, Temple Street, and an effigy of a Knight Templar of the name of Steynton in the parish church of Leeds, all of which are evidence of the influence and importance of the Order at Temple Newsam during the period they occupied the beautiful temple from which the name of the present place is obtained, and where the Preceptory at that period was located.

The writer has now given as complete a sketch of the history of Leeds as circumstances permit, and, in the language of the poet, "Conducted by history truth, has trod the long extent of backward

* Fra. E. P. Peterson. † Fra. F Moore. * Bro. W. Bakewell.

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time," and has endeavoured to place before you, in rapid flight through ages, a period embracing the Anglo Saxon days (when Leeds had but one church of wood, one priest, one altar of stone,) down to modern years, and show that on the pages of Time in every age, Leeds records the lives of her sons, who by their deeds have done honour to the town which gave them birth, and of whom the historian may say, as Virgil said alike of his heroes, distinguished in arts and sciences, as in the field of battle :—

"Here patriots live, who, for their country's good,
In fighting fields were prodigal of blood;
Priests of unblemished lives here make abode,
And poets worthy their inspiring God;
And searching wits of more mechanic parts,
Who graced their age with new invented arts;
Those who to worth their country did extend,
And those who knew their country to commend.
The heads of these with holy fillets bound,
And all their temples were with garlands crown'd."

If this brief sketch of the history of Leeds serves only to remind the members of this Order that the town which they honour by visiting to-day is one which may justly claim to have contributed to the weal of mankind and to the interests of the British race, the object of the writer will have been fully attained.

JAMAICA.

AT the Annual Communication of the District Grand Lodge of East Jamaica, held at Friendly Lodge Rooms, Kingston, on the 15th February last, and presided over by the R.W. A. De Cordova Deputy District Grand Master (who is in charge of the District until the appointment of a District Grand Master), the following brethren were appointed as District Grand Office bearers for the ensuing year :—Worshipful Bros. G. C. H. Lewis Senior Warden, Dr. Thomas Allen Junior Warden, A. Friedlander Chaplain, E. Friedlander Assist. Chaplain, O. Delgado Treasurer, Wm. Andover Registrar, B. Stines jun. Secretary, R. S. Haughton Assist. Secretary, G. J. De Cordova Senior Deacon, G. J. Sargeant Junior Deacon, J. Reep Supt. of Works, C. H. Davis D. of C., J. Holder Assistant D. of C., A. H. Jones Organist, M. Delgado Pursuivant, W. L. Mudon Assistant Pursuivant, N. G. McFarlane, J. Harris, C. Bovill, and G. M. Duff Stewards; Bro. Geo. Magnus Tyler. The administration of District Grand Lodge as formed by R.W. De Cordova is one much calculated to throw oil on the troubled waters of our little Masonic sea, which was so much disturbed by the nomination of Bros. De Cordova and Dr. Allen for the District Grand Mastership. The former Brother having secured the majority of Lodges, also of brethren in the Province, is expected to be selected by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to fill the place. It is therefore pleasing to find that Bro. Allen and his supporters have shown a willingness to adopt the situation by readily accepting office under the Brother whom they so sternly opposed. This augurs well for Masonry in Jamaica, and promises continued prosperity.

Royal Chapter, No. 207.—The installation of Officers of the above Chapter took place in Kingston, Jamaica, on the 29th January. The following are the Officers of the present administration :—M.E. Comps. W. Andrews P.Z., G. J. Sargeant P.H., G. M. Duff P.J.; E. Comps. W. Duff S.E., W. Lewis S.N., E. X. Leon Treasurer, J. M. Simpson P.S.; Comp. G. Magnus Janitor.

Kingston Rose Croix Chapter.—The installation of the Most Wise Sovereign and Officers of this Chapter took place on Tuesday, the 25th January last, at the Sussex Lodge Rooms. The following is the administration for the year 1881 :—Ill. Bro. W. Andrews 30 deg. P.M.W.S., Ex. Bros. C. H. Davis High Prelate, J. C. Ford 1st General, G. M. Duff 2nd General, F. W. Melville Grand Marshal, P. C. McCormack Raphael, N. S. Callow 1st Herald, A. E. Burke 2nd Herald, J. Parry Captain of the Guard, E. J. Andrews Recorder, W. Duff Treasurer, W. S. Richards 1st Lieut. of the Guard, S. Soutar 2nd Lieut. of the Guard, A. H. Jones Organist, J. Davis Director of Ceremonies, J. Duncombe Equerry.

Caledonian Lodge, No. 554 (S.C.), Port Maria.—The installation of the Master and Officers of this Lodge took place at the Lodge rooms on Thursday evening, the 10th February 1881. The ceremony of installation was most ably performed by the Right Worshipful D. N. Berwick P.M. P.G.S.D., assisted by the Worshipful W. G. McFarlane P.M. of the Hamilton Lodge, Spanish Town. The following is the Administration for the current year :—Rt. Wor. Bros. A. D. C. Levy Master, Capt. G. F. Coward I.P.M., T. C. Dias D.M., J. G. Robinson S.M., D. N. Berwick S.W., J. A. Hinshelwood J.W.; Bros. J. Nelson Treasurer, W. L. Matthews Secretary, J. Constantine S.D., H. H. Rounthwaite J.D., W. R. Bailey I.G., J. A. Hinds Tyler.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Peace and Harmony Lodge. — A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 9th February, at Du Toits Pan, Diamond Fields. Present—Bros. Chas. Roberts W.M., Henry Hartog I.P.M., D. Van Ulsen D.M., B. Kusser S.W., J. B. King J.W., E. Isaacs Hon. Sec., A. Yockmanitz Treas., D. Avis Amb., E. Garisch M.C., W. Kuipers Arch. and Steward, S. Green Tyler. Visitors—Bros. S. G. Solomon, Cosmopolitan Lodge, 1409, G. A. Ettling, Unie Lodge, Bloemfontein, O.F.S., Elias Harris, Sir Hugh Myddelton, M. Rossettenstein, Peace and Harmony, John Schiesler, Cr. Braud, R. Mackenzie, Fortrose, 108, P. Nuts, Tallerman, Richard Giddy, G. R. Blauch, Concord R.A., A. McDonald, Caledonian. After preliminaries, a ballot was taken for Mr. Frank Murray Campbell, and Mr. Alfred McEwen; it proved unanimous in their favour. An application was read from Mr. James Stanley to become a Freemason, and the Secretary was instructed to have his name inserted in the next circular. An apology was read from Bro. N. M. de Kock P.M. for his unavoidable absence. The W.M. then presented, on behalf of the brethren, Bro. P.M. Hartog with a testimonial of the respect in which he is held by the members of the Lodge; he felt pleased to know that the gift was worthy of the recipient, while the recipient was worthy of the gift. The testimonial reads as follows :—

Lodge Peace and Harmony,
E. of Du Toits Pan.

To Wor. Bro. Henry Hartog P.M.,

We, the undersigned, W.M., Officers and Members of the Lodge Peace and Harmony, of Du Toits Pan, Griqualand West, have the sincerest pleasure in offering for your acceptance the accompanying Jewel, Apron and Collar of P.M., in grateful recognition of the faithful and highly valued services rendered by you, not only to our own Lodge, but to the general cause of Freemasonry, during your term of office as W.M. We earnestly hope that we may continue to have the happiness of your presence in our midst, and enjoy the benefit of your highly esteemed co-operation. And, whenever you leave, be assured that you will take away with you our heartfelt desires that health, prosperity, peace and harmony may attend you.

2nd February 1881. (Signed)

After having read the above address, the W.M. continued: He had the honour of clothing Bro. Hartog in the regalia as P.M. of the Lodge, trusting he might esteem the gift, and assuring the brethren that he was really and sincerely pleased that such an honour had been conferred upon him in having been asked to make the presentation. Bro. P.M. Hartog requested the W.M. and brethren to give him their attention for a few minutes. He could hardly express what he felt in being presented with such a valuable testimonial. There had been a time when he could be more eloquent, but to-night he was overcome with their expressions. He would proceed by telling them that if he had merited the testimonial, he could not have done so had he not been assisted by such excellent Officers; without their assistance the working of the Lodge could not have been a success. He could only regret that the presentation could not be shared with those who deserved it equally as much as he. Bro. Hartog thanked those who had so liberally subscribed towards the testimonial, and who had honoured him by their presence that evening. Especially he would thank Bro. Elias Harris, who had so well carried out the wishes of the subscribers. As long as he lived he should cherish the testimonial better than any jewel that could have been presented him. He hoped the brethren would remember that he had been a member of their Lodge for years, and had served in all offices. This showed that if a member be attentive, and took an interest in the Craft, he might be able to rise to the honourable post of W.M., and merit a presentation similar to the one given him that evening. We may mention that the jewel, apron and collar was a very handsome one, selected by Bro. Elias Harris during his recent visit to England. The Lodge then adjourned for a space of five minutes, and on the brethren re-assembling, Lodge was advanced, when Bros. Morrice and A. Aria were introduced, and duly raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The ceremony being ended, Lodge was reduced, when the W.M. thanked the visitors for their kind attendance. Bro. S. G. Solomon, Cosmopolitan Lodge, replied. Before closing, the candidate for the evening, Bro. Aria, expressed his thanks to the W.M. and brethren for the honour conferred upon him in raising him to the sublime degree. Labour being ended, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren departed in peace and harmony. Bro. Elias Harris added to the harmony of the evening by his spirited performance on the harmonium.

SHEFFIELD.—The Theatre Royal at Sheffield has taken a new lease of life under the spirited management of Mr. Romaine Callender, who has for his first lieutenant our good brother John Cavanah P. Prov. G.S.B. of Cheshire, who has been for so many years well and favourably known as a manager of amusements in Manchester. The house has been decorated from roof to cellar, and in all the glory of gold leaf and paint presents a striking contrast to the dingy look we can well remember in olden times. The night we were present the Pantomime of Jack the Giant Killer was still running, and apparently, from the crowded house and roars of merriment which greeted each successive joke and song, possesses sufficient attractions to run to next Christmas. This, however, the numerous engagements will prevent, and during the coming year the playgoers of Hallamshire will be offered a succession of the novelties of the theatrical world. As an example of the wonderful energy displayed by Mr. Callender and Bro. Cavanah, we may mention that when the theatres in London were closed on Ash Wednesday they brought Bro. Toole and the whole of the Folly company down for one night, and to keep their own company employed, took them, numbering about 200, by special train to Bradford, and after a representation to a crowded house there, brought them all back the same night. We wish all success to those who thus cater for the enjoyment of the public.

The installation ceremony will be rehearsed at the Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Thursday next, 31st March, by Bro. L. Norden I.P.M. 205.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Reliable Remedies.—In wounds, bruises, sprains, glandular swellings, enlarged veins, neuralgic pains, and rheumatism, the application of this soothing Ointment to the affected parts not only gives the greatest ease, but likewise cures the complaint. The Pills greatly assist in banishing the tendency to rheumatism, neuralgia, cramps, and spasms, whilst the Ointment cures the local ailment. The Pills remove the Constitutional disturbance and regulate impaired function of all the internal organs of the body. The cure is neither temporary nor superficial, but permanent and complete, and the disease rarely recurs, so perfectly has been the purification performed by these searching, yet harmless preparations.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 26th MARCH.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Prince George, Parkholme Road, Dalston.
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
R.A. 306—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stanafield

MONDAY, 28th MARCH.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1818—Clapham, Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common
R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
909—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 29th MARCH.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1556—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1603—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead
R.A. 731—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire

WEDNESDAY, 30th MARCH.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
730—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
963—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
973—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1006—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1063—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1065—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1319—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester
K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 31st MARCH.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
5—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7. (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)

111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T.—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

FRIDAY, 1st APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction.)
834—Hanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (In.)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Room, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1581—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Free masons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30

SATURDAY, 2nd APRIL.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Constitutional Lodge, No. 55.—The first regular meeting of this Lodge since the installation took place on the 17th inst., at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-inn-fields, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. J. Cooper, T. B. Linscott S.W., Johnston J.W., Atkins P.M. Treasurer, G. M. Snow P.M. Secretary, Thompson S.D., Scott I.G.; P.M.'s Dwarber, Collinson, A. Melhuish, Catherwood, J. Dodson, and a numerous assemblage of the brethren, including Bro. Thos. Whaley, the father of the Lodge, and also numerous visitors, viz.—Bros. H. E. Coffin 167, J. Linscott J.D. 30, T. Gates S.D. 1599, T. J. Vohman 871, T. Whorlowhegge 15, J. W. Bromfield 1589, H. G. Harris 1589, J. Miles Treasurer 160, J. Hill 45, Bristle 1547, Ayden 1695, Legg 15, Beningfield, Dickie 1587, Hayden 1589, Dunn, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. W. M. Robinson was passed to the second degree, and ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. E. H. Page, J. Thompson, and F. Vogt, which were unanimously in their favour. The two former brethren being present, were duly initiated into the Order, both the ceremonies being perfectly and impressively rendered. The resignations of three members were accepted with regret. A sum of £10 10s was voted from the funds of the Lodge to be placed on the list of the W.M., who is a Steward for the Girls' School at the next Festival in May. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, sixty-six in number, sat down to a sumptuous and *récherché* banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. W. Gosden. The W.M., in genial and appropriate terms, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Dwarber P.M. then rose; in the absence of the I.P.M. through ill-health, the duty devolved upon him to propose the next toast. He felt pleased to see the W.M. in the chair. He had the reputation of being able to perform the ceremonies, and to-night the brethren had had an opportunity to see how ably he had carried out what was expected of him. After a song by Bro. Miller, the W.M. thanked Bro. Dwarber for his kind remarks; the enthusiastic manner the brethren had received the toast convinced him he had done his work to their satisfaction; his heart and soul was with the brethren of the Lodge, and in the welfare of the three Institutions, and his services would ever be at their command. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiates, and Bro. J. Linscott sang the E.A. song. Bros. Thompson and Page in responding, said they felt proud at having been introduced into Freemasonry by Bros. Robertson and Dwarber; each had for many years longed to become Masons, and felt it a great honour to be initiated in this old established Lodge. The toast of the Visitors was next on the list, the W.M. calling on Bros. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 and Whor-

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lowhegge, No. 15, to respond. The P.M.'s were next honoured; the W.M. speaking in high terms of the way in which they strove to advance the interests of the Lodge. Bro. Robertson acknowledged the compliment. The next toast on the list was the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, and this brought forth able replies from Bros. Atkins and Snow. At this stage of the proceedings, the W.M. stated that the amount on his list, as Steward for the Girls', had reached £46 4s, which sum he trusted would be still further augmented before the Festival. The qualities displayed by the Wardens and other Officers were fully recognised by the W.M., and the several brethren enumerated gracefully acknowledged the honour done them. In due course the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated. The Lodge of Instruction in connection with this Lodge meets every Tuesday evening, at seven p.m., at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, Holborn, W.C.

Lodge of Union, No. 414.—On Tuesday, 15th March, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Charles Stephens Prov. G. Treas. Berks and Bucks W.M., Mount P.M. S.W., Ferguson J.W., Rev. N. T. Garry Chap., S. A. Pocock P.M. Treas., M. J. Withers Sec., S. Wheeler S.D., F. Blackwell D.C., Butler and Martin Stewards, Witherington I.G., Hemmings Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. R. Bradley, C. Oades and S. Bradley I.P.M. Visitors—Bros. Weatherhead 1101, Pulley 1101, and P.M. 1436. After preliminaries, Mr. J. T. Stevens was balloted for, elected and initiated as a serving brother. Bro. Rayner, a candidate for passing, answered the questions, was entrusted and retired. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Rayner was passed. Bro. Witherington I.G. having given, at the last Lodge, the following notice of motion: That the Permanent Committee be requested to consider and report to Lodge whether any, and what improvement can be made in the place for holding the banquets of this Lodge; after a few remarks by the members it was carried. Bro. C. Oades P.M. having given notice of motion at the last Lodge, "That ten guineas be voted from the Lodge funds towards the Royal Masonic Boys' School, and added to the list of the W.M., and that the ten guineas allotted by the Prov. Grand Lodge, be applied in the same manner;" this also was carried. After the customary ceremonies, the Lodge was closed according to ancient form.

Salisbury Lodge, No. 435.—A regular meeting was held on the 15th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street. Bro. Taffs W.M., Hooper S.W., Allhausen J.W., W. H. Hoop P.M. Treasurer, Berger I.P.M. Secretary, Ball S.D., Cook J.D., Jeffs jun. I.G. P.M.'s Bros. Becker, Stamwitz, Holden, Sacks, Spilling, Dybdahl, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Deeks was raised to the third degree; Bro. Berger I.P.M., by the courtesy of the W.M., rendering the ceremony, perfectly. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent repast provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. Dawkins. The W.M. presided, and in genial terms proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. G. Lambert P.P.G.J. W. Herts, Lt. Col. J. Martin Old Zetland Lodge, Canada, Lindner P.M. No. 25, were present as visitors.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—At the regular meeting of this prosperous Lodge, held at Bro. James Clayton's, the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road, on the 11th instant, Bros. H. Foss W.M., Levy S.W., R. Mills J.W., Shingfield S.D., Richardson J.D., Goldstein I.G.; Bros. P.M.'s B. Cundick Preceptor, W. Musto Secretary; also Bros, Hurst, Bardouleau, McDonald, Job, Barnes P.M., Hopkins, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Hopkins candidate. The first and second sections were worked by the W.M., and the fourth and fifth by Bro. Stephens, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed, and the Hon. Secretary submitted the balance sheet for the year, which was duly audited by Bros. Job, Hawkins, and Mills. Proving highly satisfactory to the brethren, it was unanimously adopted. Bro. Levy was elected to preside upon the 18th instant, when we hope he will be well supported.

Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.—This very prosperous Lodge held its usual fortnightly meeting on Friday, the 18th inst. Present:—Bros. H. R. Botting W.M., Past Masters J. B. Harrison, T. J. Usher Secretary, E. Kirby Treasurer, F. Leith (Lord of the Manor); Bros. W. Carterfield S.W., F. R. England J.W., E. Rea as S.D., G. Band J.D., H. Chambers as I.G., R. S. Davey, M.D., D.C., T. Park Steward, Holgate Tyler; S. Willey, W. Dunn, James Loughlin, T. F. Young, W. J. A. Norris, C. Hurst. Visitor—Bro. Spurrier, Margate Lodge. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. The business on the agenda paper was to elect a Worshipful Master, Treasurer, and Tyler. The choice of the brethren was unanimously in favour of Bro. Carterfield S.W., as was also the re-election of Bro. E. Kirby P.M. as Treasurer. The Worshipful Master, in the name of the Lodge, thanked Bro. Kirby for his past services, and hoped that he might long be spared to serve them so faithfully and well. Bro. Kirby, in thanking the Worshipful Master and the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him, could have wished that some other brother had been elected to fill so important an office; however, as it was the unanimous wish of the brethren, it would give him great pleasure to perform the duties, as he had hitherto done. Bro. Holgate was re-elected Tyler. A brother was proposed as a joining member, and Lodge was closed with solemn prayer. The brethren afterwards spent a pleasant hour together, the Worshipful Master proposing the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Usher paid a tribute to the W.M. elect, Bro. Carterfield, and Bro. Kirby did a like honour to the W.M., for his services during the past year. The W.M. thanked the brethren for their kindness and support. Bros. Usher, Rea, and the W.M. entertained the brethren with songs, &c.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, E., on Tuesday last. Bros. P.M. Musto W.M., Myers S.W., Pavitt J.W., Johnson I.G., Worsley Secretary; Knopp, Watkins, Smith, Andrews, Risby, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and all preliminaries duly observed. The following Sections were worked by the undermentioned brethren:—1st, Worsley; 2nd, Watkins; 3rd, Andrews; 4th, Johnson; 5th, Smith; 6th, Pavitt; 7th, Myers; Bro. Andrews worked the 2nd in the Second Lecture. The Lodge again resumed, when Bro. Myers P.M. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed, Bro. Smith (W.M. elect 860) as the candidate. We trust there will be a good attendance.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—On Tuesday, 22nd inst., at the Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement. Bros. Kern W.M., Groner S.W., Pitt J.W., J. L. Mather Treas., C. G. Sparrow Sec., Shipley S.D., Couchman I.G., and several other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Hale candidate. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, with Bro. Medwin as candidate, the W.M. giving the traditional history. Bro. Groner was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Kings Cross Lodge, No. 1732.—The first regular meeting since the installation was held on Friday, 19th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. H. Stiles, H. Higgins S.W., L. Solomon J.W., J. J. Michael P.M. Treasurer, W. M. Stiles P.M. as Secretary, L. Jacobs S.D., Putland as I.G., B. Kauffman D.C., Fletcher W.S., P.M.'s Bros. Briggs, T. Knight P.P.G.D.C. Kent, W. M. Stiles; Visitors—Bros. W. G. Burgess W.M. 1472, James C. Smith 1744, N. Vallentine W.S. 1017, F. Silvester 193, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. After preliminary work had been disposed of, a ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. C. S. Mote; this was unanimous in his favour, and he was duly initiated into the Order by the W.M. Bro. Briggs I.P.M. stated that he was about to act as Steward for the Anniversary Festival of the Girls' School, and Bro. Solomon J.W. said he had a ballot draw for the sum of five guineas which he would be pleased to place on Bro. Briggs's list. The acting Secretary read the report of the Committee for the purpose of establishing a Benevolent Fund to be attached to the Lodge. The consideration of this was deferred until October, when the matter will be fully discussed. The Lodge was then closed until October, and the brethren sat down to a substantial dinner. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. He was sure the brethren would excuse him making long speeches; he sincerely hoped all would enjoy themselves. Bro. Briggs was pleased at having to propose the health of the W.M.; the brethren had heard how he had done the work; during the present year they might be sure they had the right man in the right place. The W.M. in reply thanked Bro. Briggs, and also the brethren for the hearty reception they had given the toast. He should look to the brethren for their kind support to enable him to perform his duties to their satisfaction. The remaining toasts customary on these occasions were fully honoured, and able responses were made. The proceedings throughout were of a most agreeable character.

Kings Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—On the 20th inst., at Bro. Devine's, Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square. Present—Bros. Burgess W.M., B. Kauffman S.W., J. Harvey J.W., Devine Treasurer, L. Solomon Secretary, Birrell S.D., E. Harvey J.D., J. Edwards I.G., Hemming Preceptor. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Jutsum candidate. The W.M. gave the illustration of the working tools very perfectly; the second section of the second lecture was worked by the brethren. Bros. Vallentine, Abrahams, and Paul were appointed to audit the accounts. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Birrell as candidate. The Auditors' account was then received, and after giving ten guineas to the Boy's School, a distressed brother was relieved, and the balance in hand was £3 8s 8d. The W.M. informed the brethren that the Fifteen Sections would be worked at this Lodge of Instruction on the 27th inst., when the attendance of the brethren is requested.

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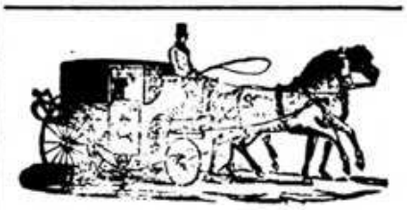
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THE QUESTION OF JURISDICTION.

A SERIOUS dispute appears to have arisen between the Grand Lodges of New York and Connecticut over a question of which, with every desire in the world to regard it seriously, we cannot bring ourselves to speak with aught but a feeling of contempt. It may possibly occur to some of our readers that the word "contempt" is un-Masonic in its character, but after making every allowance for sectional and fraternal differences, we can arrive at no other conclusion than that, in the squabble which has occurred between the two jurisdictions of New York and Connecticut, the conduct of the former has been supremely absurd. We are, of course, indebted for such information as we possess to American sources, and our arguments, therefore, depend, in chief measure, for their value on the accuracy of that information. However, we may take it for granted that those of our exchanges which treat of the subject, and the Grand Lodge of Connecticut itself, which has passed a very sensible resolution on the matter, are in possession of the circumstances. We do not hesitate, therefore, to make what they have said the basis of our argument.

We must premise that the cause of the squabble between New York and Connecticut is absolutely ridiculous, especially when it is borne in mind that these Grand Lodges are presumed to consist of men of common sense, if not of men who have more than the average share of enlightenment. They are, moreover, presumably actuated by the most kindly and fraternal feelings for each other. Thus, the wonder is that, even under the most afflicting circumstances, anything like a sense of discussion between two fraternal bodies should have sprung into being. However, there exists this unfraternal discord, and, albeit there are not far short of 100,000 Masons in the two States of New York and Connecticut, four-fifths of whom belong to the former, and the remaining fifth to the latter, it has now been decided by the Grand Lodge of New York, that the Masons within its jurisdiction must under no circumstances hold any intercourse whatever with those in the neighbouring State. True it may be they are brothers in name, and the creed that is enjoined on them may be summed up in the clear and concise injunction to "love one another." But somehow it frequently happens that the theory and practice of Freemasonry are at loggerheads with each other. Theory says, Do everything that is reasonable and kind, while Practice retorts—bluntly enough—Stand not upon the order of your doing, but do whatever may seem best to you without vouchsafing a single thought to what is sincerely Masonic. To have made this admission has necessarily given us some pain, but in the interests of truth we are under the necessity of pointing out that this divergence in practice from an accepted theory is quite as commonly to be met with in Masonry as in other societies.

But, after all, the question of jurisdiction is that which claims our present attention, and not whether Masonic individuals or communities are actuated towards each other by a fraternal spirit. This question it is which is at the bottom of the differences between New York and Connecticut. The disagreement arose in manner following:—Certain Masons residing in Connecticut, but being members of a New York Lodge, petitioned the Grand Lodge of the former State for a charter for a new Lodge, and, we believe, the petition was granted. On the strength of this most monstrous violation of a law, which has no real existence, the Grand Lodge of New York has passed a resolution which strictly prohibits all intercourse between the members which owe it allegiance and those who are under the sway of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. Anathema Maranatha is the very mildest of the pains and penalties to which any one who should violate this resolution will be subjected. Thus, Masonic communication is absolutely forbidden between the brethren of Connecticut and New York, and the reason is that certain members of a New York Lodge, who reside however in Connecticut, petitioned the Grand Lodge of the latter. Let us endeavour to imagine how it would be if the Grand Master of England passed sentence of excommunication on the brethren of the Province of Sussex because some members of a London Lodge residing in Brighton petitioned in the first instance the P.G.M. of Sussex for a warrant for a new Lodge to be held in Brighton. Our readers, of course, will understand that in presenting this imaginary case, we are not seriously contemplating the idea that any P.G.M. has power to issue warrants on his own authority. We have merely suggested such a case in order to show how flimsy is the matter which has succeeded in establishing a dissension between the brethren of two contiguous States such as are New York and Connecticut.

We are not prepared to say the Grand Lodge of New York are not, in the circumstances, justified in the course they have pursued. It may have been an act of the greatest enormity on the part of the offending brethren, who are members of a new York Lodge but reside in Connecticut, to have petitioned the Grand Lodge of the latter State instead of that of the former; but what have the 80,000 New York brethren and the 15,000 or 20,000 brethren—minus the petitioners—of the adjoining State done that they also should be debarred from enjoying the innocent pleasure of cultivating fraternal relations among themselves, whenever an opportunity of so doing presented itself. The beadle of the parish, when arrayed in all the glory of his parochial uniform, is a public personage inferior as regards importance only to the sovereign ruler of a State or his Prime Minister; but even the beadle of a parish would hardly venture on the task of excommunicating the whole of his fellow parishioners and the people of an adjoining parish, because two or three vulgar little boys were one day rude enough to jump upon his favourite corn. We leave our friends to judge if New York, by its sentence of excommunication against Connecticut Masons, has added one iota to its true dignity.

But if the conduct of New York has been undignified, the same cannot be said of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. The Grand Master of the latter in his customary address at the annual Communication held early in the present year is reported to have said, "by this severe, and as we believe, unjust edict, 70,000 Masons in New York and 15,000 in Connecticut, among whom have ever existed the most friendly and fraternal relations are thus placed at a perpetual distance, and the great work for ancient fraternity sadly infused . . . . By it, for a mere difference of opinion on a question of Masonic Law, and without even a pretence of discourtesy towards our sister Grand Lodge, we are placed under the same ban by the Grand Lodge of New York as the Grand Orient of France, which has struck out the most vital landmark of Freemasonry, and as the Grand Lodge of Hamburgh, which has defiantly planted, and still maintains Lodges in the State of New York." This, in all conscience, is clear and

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straightforward, but let us note how admirable is the tone of the remarks that follow. "In view of all this," says Grand Master Barlow, whom we venture to congratulate on the kindly and Masonic recommendations he offers. "In view of all this, let us not indulge in harsh words or severe criticisms, but rather let us cherish the kindliest fraternal regard for our brethren of New York, and faithfully perform our Masonic obligations towards them. Let us manifest to the world that the cords of affection and duty, which bind Masons of Connecticut to the ancient Fraternity are too strong to be broken by the angry unprovoked blow even of a brother, and let us labour to hasten the time when the true spirit of our Fraternity shall so fill all hearts, that interdictory edicts shall no more be resorted to as a remedy for unimportant cases of grievances between sister jurisdictions. Let us continue to hope and believe that a returning sense of justice and the hallowed remembrance of our former friendship may lead our sister Grand Lodge to quickly and cheerfully rescind the said edict and accept our extended hand in friendship and brotherly love."

And the Grand Lodge Committee are as delicately firm and kind as the Grand Master. In the resolutions they suggested for adoption by Grand Lodge, the first expresses sincere regret at "the interdiction by the M.W. Grand Lodge of New York of Masonic intercourse between the brethren of the two jurisdictions," and goes on to add the belief that such act is "unwise, unnecessary, and unjust." They then proceed to say, "that this Grand Lodge, in the act which gave rise to the unfortunate controversy, so abruptly terminated by the Grand Lodge of New York, and during the progress of that controversy, has simply asserted and maintained the principles of exclusive sovereignty *within its own territorial limits*, embracing the right to constitute into Lodges, under its own laws and regulations, and the landmarks of Masonry, any and all Masons *residing within its jurisdiction*, and has not assumed or sought to give to these laws any extra territorial force or effect. The right which it has thus asserted, it has at all times conceded to other Grand Lodges, and particularly to the Grand Lodge of New York, of which many instances may be shown." The third and last resolution is to the effect—"That the Grand Lodge of Connecticut will await in patient expectation the restoration of friendly relations, by the withdrawal of the edict of non-intercourse by the Grand Lodge of New York; and meanwhile the Masons in this jurisdiction are strictly enjoined to promote that happy event by the faithful performance of their Masonic obligations towards their New York brethren, in the spirit of the suggestions of the Grand Master on that subject, whose recommendations this Grand Lodge most cordially endorses and approves."

There is something manly and dignified, as well as Masonic, in the manner in which the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Connecticut have approached this subject. They politely indicate it as their opinion that the Grand Lodge of New York has adopted a wrong idea of Masonic law, and that having done this, it has certainly not mended matters by issuing this tremendous edict. Yet, in the face of all this provocation to anger, they have expressed their intention of doing all in their power to promote the welfare of Masonry by courting reconciliation with their sister jurisdiction. Big New York has exploded its anger over an imaginary grievance, and little Connecticut, with respectful concern visible on every lineament of its generous face, stands by ready to shake hands when her peppery neighbour has got over her temper. Well done, Connecticut!

BRO. S. B. WILSON AND THE HOUSE COMMITTEE OF THE R.M.I.B.

WE publish elsewhere an important letter, addressed by Bro. S. B. Wilson to the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. In drawing the attention of our readers to this communication we cannot do better than give a brief sketch of its purport. Bro. Wilson writes that, with a view to prevent unnecessary expense by proceeding with his action against the House Committee of the Boys' School, he proposed to submit his dispute with that body to the arbitration of any one of seven distinguished members of the profession to which he belongs, namely—Sir H. R. Hunt, C.B., George Pownall, Esq., John Whichcord, Esq., Arthur Cates, Esq., W. G. Gardiner, Esq., Joseph Lavender, Esq., and W. Hudson, Esq. Mr. Stanley, Solicitor to the House Committee, with a promptness which does him great credit, agreed to the proposal, but suggested Mr. J. E. Saunders, an architect of equal character and standing with those already named. Bro. Wilson accepted Bro. Saunders as arbitrator, and was prepared to abide by the result of his award. The House Committee, however, have, with a perverse obstinacy which cannot be too strongly condemned, declined to stand by the arrangement of their own Solicitor. The result is that Bro. Wilson has had no option but to give instructions for the action to proceed, and whether he wins or loses, the Boys' School will have some heavy costs to discharge. This is the case as presented to us in the letter we have specified.

Let us take the circumstances into consideration, not the whole of them—Heaven forfend!—but those which affect the case just now. Bro. Wilson has once before expressed his readiness to submit the point in dispute to arbitration, but the offer was rejected. When he found that no solution of the difficulty between him and the House Committee was possible without referring it to a court of law, he at the last moment, with true forbearance and kindliness of spirit, a second time proposes arbitration, and the proposal has been unceremoniously rejected for the second time. Thus then stands the case. Bro. Wilson, the correctness of whose charges for professional work is impugned by the House Committee of the School, has twice agreed to submit to abide by arbitration, while the said Committee, which questions these charges, has twice deliberately refused arbitration. What is the natural inference? That Bro. Wilson has faith in the justice of his case, and the House Committee has not. And after all is said, what more entirely natural? Bro. Wilson, as a respected professional man of long standing, knows fully well what he is justified in doing, and not doing. But the House Committee—is it composed of experienced architects, who are competent to challenge a professional bill of costs? They are probably men of business in their own estimation, and are doubtless familiar enough with the particular callings they have severally followed. But, albeit they are speculative Masons, that circumstance alone gives them no special knowledge about the erection of buildings. For ourselves, we believe the House Committee is animated by an intense and most unmasonic spirit of hostility against Bro. Wilson. On no other ground can we account for that estimable brother having, for a period extending over three years, more or less, been bandied about from Committee to Committee and then to the General Court. Bro. Wilson has tried by every means in his power to avoid litigation. It seems as though the House Committee had left no stone unturned in order to court it. Bro. Wilson, under the most extreme provocation, has even at the very last moment proposed an alternative course, by which, at all events, the cost of litigation would be avoided. The House Committee, even after their own legal representative has accepted this proposal, sternly set themselves to the task of fighting out the battle to the bitter end. We know that business is business, and Masonry is Masonry, and, further, that no one has the right to mix up two things so opposite one with the other; but that is no reason why brethren, who, in the course of circumstances, may have business to transact together, should conduct it on principles which are the reverse of decent, to say nothing of their being the reverse of un-Masonic. One other point to which Bro. Wison is fully alive, and we have done. The members of the House Committee, singularly bigoted as they may be to their own opinions, and making every allowance for their utter incompetence to offer any opinion on this, or it may be, any other business, cannot be blind to the fact that whatever may be the result of the action now pending between them and Bro. Wilson, the funds of the Boys' School *must* suffer. And yet they insist on the case proceeding! We should be worse than worthless if we allowed ourselves to utter a single word of sympathy with them, and the next time an election to this Committee takes place we trust the electors will bear these matters in mind.

It must be clearly and emphatically understood that our remarks have no reference whatever to the circumstances in dispute. On these we do not consider ourselves competent to offer any opinion.

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BRO. S. B. WILSON AND THE HOUSE COMMITTEE OF THE R.M.I.B.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I enclose copy of a letter I have addressed to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and if you can find a corner for it I shall feel much obliged.

Yours faithfully,

S. B. WILSON.

27 Walbrook, E.C., 30th March 1881.

TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

GENTLEMEN AND BRETHREN,—In order that unnecessary expense might be avoided, my solicitors submitted the following names to Mr. Stanley, the representative of the House Committee, for him to select one to act as referee on my claim for professional services to the Institution from the following list:—Sir H. A. Hunt, C.B., George Pownall, Esq., John Whichcord, Esq., Arthur Cates, Esq., W. J. Gardiner, Esq., Joseph Lavender, Esq., W. Hudson, Esq., all of them being, as you are aware, gentlemen of the highest character and standing in the profession.

After a long time had elapsed for consideration, Mr. Stanley suggested Mr. J. E. Saunders, of Finsbury Circus, a gentleman of equal character and standing with those I had named, and my solicitors immediately agreed to accept his decision in the matter.

The House Committee have now refused to agree to the proposal of Mr. Stanley, their own representative, and consequently I have had no alternative but to give instructions to proceed with the necessary steps for the enforcement of my claim; but I think it only right to lay the present position of the matter before you, as the conduct of the House Committee must have the effect of running up heavy and unnecessary law charges, which must eventually fall on the Institution.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

S. B. WILSON.

27 Walbrook, E.C., 30th March 1881.

THE PROVINCES AND THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to congratulate "A PAST MASTER" on his excellent summary published in your columns of last week. He has invited corrections, so permit me to call attention to the omission—so far as Worcestershire is concerned—of no less than fifty-two Boys' votes and four Girls' votes in the published Lists of Subscribers upon which the tables are founded.

I append for your satisfaction proof thereof, which I shall be happy to supply to "A PAST MASTER" if he will favour me with his address.

This brings the Worcestershire average in the Boys' School to 28¼, and fifth place. In the Girls it remains the same, and in the combined Lists it increases the average to 45¼, and the position of this Province to sixth place.

I have supplied the Secretaries with material for the necessary additions.

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE TAYLOR, P.G.J.W.

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Summerdyne, Kidderminster, 30th March 1881.

We think it desirable to publish the particulars referred to above.—ED. F.C.

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Vernon Miss Maria	2
Baldwin E. A., Stourport	4
Baldwin G., Stourport	4
Easton N., Malvern Link	2
Godson A. F., Tenbury	14
Naylor G. W., Kidderminster	1
Taylor J. H., Kidderminster	2
Taylor G., Kidderminster, List 1880	1
Russell F. G., Malvern	1
Lechmere Mark Lodge, Worcestershire	2
Prov. Grand Priory K.T., Worcestershire	2
St. Dunstan's Chapter R.C., Worcestershire	2
St. Amand Preceptory K.T., Worcestershire	4
R. De Vernon do. Dudley	1
Total Boys	52

GIRLS'.

Godson A. F., Tenbury	1
Walker R. G., Tipton	1
Wright H. R., Oldswinford	2—4
Total	56

AN EARLY YORKSHIRE FREEMASON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have pleasure in complying with the request of Bro. J.W. 148, and in sending the following note, from the Wills Court, at York, for publication:—

A.D. 1590-1. March 19.

John Kidd, of Leeds, *Freemason*, gives bond to produce the original will of William Taylor, junr., of Leeds.

Yours fraternally,

P.P.G.J.W.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the subscribers to this Institution was held on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Lieut.-Col. Creaton Grand Treasurer (in the chair), John A. Rucker, A. J. Duff-Filer, George Bolton, E. H. Finney, James Peters, H. Massey, Thomas Mass, A. H. Tattershall, Joshua Nunn, James F. Corben, J. H. Matthews, Arthur E. Gladwell, C. G. Brown, Peter de Lande Long, R. B. Webster. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques, and the meeting was brought to a conclusion, a vote of thanks being passed to the Chairman.

CHARITY ASSOCIATIONS.

We are very pleased to hear that the members of the Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27, have decided on the formation of an association in connection with their Lodge for the purpose of conferring on members Life Governerships in the Masonic Charities, by the payment of small weekly subscriptions. The usual course adopted by similar associations, as to subscriptions and ballot, will be observed in this case, and we can but express a hope that the result will prove most satisfactory. Bro. L. Norden, I.P.M. 205, is the Hon. Sec. *pro tem*, and either he or Bro. T. J. Maidwell will be happy to take the names of brethren wishing to join. The meetings of the association will be held in connection with the Lodge of Instruction, which meets every Thursday evening, at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. There is yet another claimant for the honour of being looked upon as supporter of our Charities, The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, having established a similar association in connection with their Lodge; here also The subscriptions will be one shilling per week, and the usual forms will be observed. We cannot do more than express the hope that this also will prove a success.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

THE Annual Convocation of the "Royal Veterans' Encampment of the United Religions, Military, and Masonic Order of Knights Templar," was holden on Friday, 25th ult., at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth. E. Sir Knight Sydney L. R. Templer was installed as Eminent Commander. This very impressive ceremony was performed by E. Sir Knight L. D. Westcott, assisted by E. Sir Knights I. Watts, J. Austin, J. B. Gover, Samuel Jew, Thos. Heath, Col. FitzGerald, J. Edward Curteis, R. Pengelly, and E. Aitken Davies. Sir Knight Templer was afterwards installed as Prior of the Priory of Malta. The Officers appointed for the ensuing year in the Encampment were:—Sir Knights Thomas Heath P.P.G.S.B. I.P.E.C., Francis B. Westlake 1st Captain, John James 2nd Captain, L. D. Westcott P.P.G.M. Prelate, Josiah Austin P.E.C. P.P.G.E. Treasurer, Thomas Heath Registrar, E. Binding Expert, W. A. Fowler Captain of Lines, S. Jew 1st Herald, I. Watts S.B., J. B. Gover Almoner, and William H. Phillips Guard. The banquet was held at the Globe Hotel. Frater Templer presided until the inevitable train was due, after which Fraters Heath and Jew acted for him, and a most enjoyable and instructive evening was spent.

MYDDELTON HALL.

A CONCERT was given by Mr. W. Wright, a relation of Bro. J. Osborne, W.M. elect of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, on Thursday, 24th March. The Hall was crowded in every part, and amongst the audience we noticed Bro. Churchwarden Friend, Churchwarden Warr; Bro. Halford G.P.J.D. Herts, P.M.'s Pearcy, Meekham, Meyer, Weston, Berry; Bros. Parkinson, Bird, Dillon, Ball, Greenfield, Field, Hollidge, Harris, Seamer, Townley, &c. The programme was exceedingly well carried out, Mdlle. Vagnolini, Miss Marian Lynton, R.A.M., and Miss Coyte Turner giving great satisfaction, and necessitating encores: whilst the pianoforte playing of the Misses Amy and Nelly Clark, pupils of the *beneficiare*, was much admired, and exhibited evidence of careful training. "St. Ronan's Eve," a new song, with Invisible Quartette, by F. W. Lacey, and excellently rendered by Miss Coyte Turner, had a most enthusiastic encore. Mr. Wright, in his solo pianoforte, "Irish Diamonds," surpassed himself, his execution being brilliant, and the expressive passages well sustained. Mr. Ryan received great applause for the song "Alice, where art thou?" as did Miss Coyte Turner, for the "Lost Chord," sung by desire. Messrs. Lovett King, James Bayne, and Charles Walters rendered efficient service in the trios and part songs, and Mr. McLellen was extremely amusing in his effusions *à la* Grossmith. Mr. Pocklington, with H. Poulet's highly successful song, "Big Ben," pleased greatly. We must congratulate Mr. Wright on the success of his first concert, by which no doubt his reputation as a professor will be materially increased. The comfort of the audience was looked after by Bro. J. Osborne, who had for his aide-de-camp Bro. R. G. Thomas (of this Journal) Org. 1602.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

THE installation meeting was held on 24th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. The W.M., Bro. E. C. Ferry, occupied the chair, W. Chicken S.W., Roberts J.W., J. H. Goodwin Treas., G. T. Brown Secretary, G. Shadler S.D., C. J. Rich J.D., Stafford as I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Cornwall, E. Arnold, C. Daniel, Cook, and Chivers. After all formalities had been duly observed, Bros. Fencott, Patience, Mattio, and Pocock were raised to the sublime degree, and Mr. R. J. Clark was initiated into the Order; the ceremonies being ably rendered by the W.M. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. W. Chicken S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. C. Daniel P.M. Bro. Brown gave the concluding addresses. At the conclusion of the ceremony both brethren were congratulated by the members and visitors; there were twenty-six W.M.'s and P.M.'s present at this interesting ceremony. On the re-admission of the brethren, the new W.M. received the customary salutations; he then, in appropriate terms, appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. C. E. Ferry I.P.M., J. Roberts S.W., G. Schadler J.W., J. H. Goodwin P.M. Treasurer, G. T. Brown P.M. Secretary, C. J. Rich S.D., F. Kearney J.D., J. Hawkins I.G., C. Daniel D.C., J. Boston A.D.C., E. Marshall W.S., C. Speight P.M. Prov. G. Tyler Surrey Tyler, Bro. James Terry P.P.G.W. Herts efficiently acted as D.C. The Report of the Audit Committee showed a Balance in hand—to Lodge Fund £68 18s, and Benevolent Fund £24 16s. A Committee for making arrangements for a Summer Banquet was appointed. A sum of two guineas was voted to Bro. Mills' Testimonial. Lodge was then closed until June, and the brethren, one hundred in number, sat down to a capital banquet and dessert. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the usual toasts. Bro. Ferry I.P.M. rose; he could see with what pleasure the brethren had noticed that he had taken the gavel. It was to propose the toast of the W.M. The brethren would all agree with him when he told them that Bro. Chicken was an energetic Mason. Most of them had seen his working as S.W., and by that could judge his qualifications for Master. He was convinced he need not say another word to ensure the toast a hearty reception. The Worshipful Master thanked Brother Ferry for the manner in which he had spoken of him, he was also gratified at the way in which the toast had been received. It was many years since he was initiated in the Lodge, but to-night was the proudest moment of his life, when he realised that he was the W.M. of the Lodge; his best efforts should be exerted for the service of the brethren; his heart and soul was with them. He had to thank them heartily for their kind expressions. The W.M. next gave what he considered the toast of the evening—the newly-initiated brother. Without new blood no Lodge could go on. The attention he had paid to the ceremony warranted the hope he would be a credit to the Order. The E.A. song having been sung, Bro. Clark returned thanks in an appropriate speech. The toast of the Visitors came next; it was a very pleasing duty; to-night there was a large number of visitors, namely, thirty-five; the W.M. would select four brethren—Bros. James Terry, E. Bowyer, Martin, and T. J. Maidwell to respond. Bro. James Terry, as one of the thirty-five representing the Visiting Brethren, felt proud to return thanks, and to see the Lodge so prosperous. All knew what it had done for the Masonic Institutions, and all knew what it would do. The I.P.M. had taken up one hundred and five guineas for the Aged, while Bro. Brown had already doubled that amount for the Girls' School. He was gratified also in being able to say that the newly-appointed D.C., Bro. Daniels P.M, had the sum of one hundred and thirty guineas on his list for the Boys'. Bro. Binckes he (Bro. Terry) felt assured would not be content with a less sum this year than £17,000. This Lodge was one of which the Craft was proud. Bro. Terry then paid just compliments to the two brethren who had performed the ceremony of installation, while the W.M.'s presidency left nothing to be desired. Bros. Martin, T. Maidwell, and Bowyer followed, and then the W.M. proposed the next toast—the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Ferry, whom he assured of the appreciation the brethren entertained for the way in which he had carried out the duties during his year of office. It was a pleasant task he had undertaken, that of placing on Bro. Ferry's breast a token of the regard in which he was held. In addition he had to present a clock, which he, his wife, and his family would with pleasure look on in recognition of the many hours he had passed with the members. The jewel was a gift from the Lodge, and the clock the gift of the brethren. Bro. Ferry, in response, said, after all the kindnesses he had received, he could hardly find words to express his satisfaction at this further token of their regard. He hoped to be among them as a P.M. for many years; he thanked them for their valuable presents, which his good wife would fully appreciate; her feelings in regard to Freemasonry and charity were in unison with his own. He should always look on the jewel with pride. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the P.M.'s. That night they were not honoured with the attendance of so many as they could wish to see. However, there were several more who would have liked to be present. He would name Bros. Cornwell, Arnold, Brown, Daniel, Cook, Goodwin, Bellerby, and Chivers; all respected them and knew their value and good qualities. To Bro. Daniel especial thanks were due, not only for services in the Lodge, but much energy displayed out of it. He is a Vice-President of one of the Institutions, and is now going up again as Steward. The same remark holds good with Bro. Brown; the one brother as Installing Master, and the other for assistance rendered, deserved their heartiest thanks. Bro. Arnold P.M. first replied; he was followed by Bros. Cook and Chivers, who both felt proud in seeing how the Lodge had progressed. Bros. Brown and Daniel each responded, and then the W.M. gave the health of the Treasurer and Secretary with the other Officers. After suitable acknowledgments for the compliment, the Tyler's toast was given. Several brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening. Bros. C. Daniel P.M., Mills and Sherwell looked after the comfort of the members and visitors. Among the latter were Bros. S. Clarke, Catterson, G. Brooks, F. Stafford, Aynsley, C. Beaumont, C. W. Kent, James Terry, E. Bowyer, Bush, Lazarus, Maidwell, Barker, Nash, Griffiths, Cook, Potts, Martin, Batchelor, Butler, Williams, Fowler, Brass, Martin, Briggs, Haynes, Carman, Fryer, Soucks, Brewer, and H. M. Levy.

ROYAL UNION LODGE, No. 382.

THE Installation Meeting was held on Monday, the 21st ult., at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. The brethren were called for 2.30, but notwithstanding business commenced at this early hour, the sitting was protracted much beyond the time fixed, and, as we have before remarked with respect to the after proceedings at this Lodge, the scramble to make up for lost time sadly marred the enjoyment of the brethren and their guests. The Lodge was formally opened by the W.M. Bro. G. E. Cook, who was supported by his Officers, and the following Past Masters:—W. Coombes, J. L. Coulton, G. Febrenbach, John Weedon, B. H. Swallow, and E. C. Woodward. The Visiting Brethren who signed the attendance book were:—Bros. H. C. Smith 1563, W. O. Beasley J.W. 172, A. H. Baker 720, T. Morris 1306, C. J. L. Sandilands 1540, J. F. Knight-Smith P.M. 1441, E. Berger P.M. 435, T. Chever 145, and H. Perdue 884. After the minutes had been read and duly confirmed, the ceremonial work was proceeded with; this comprised the raising of Bros. Jetsam and Barnicoat; the passing of Bro. Skeate; and the initiation of Mr. F. Miller (who had been previously approved by ballot), Mr. Thomas Brooks, proposed by Bro. Weedon P.M., seconded by Bro. Rowles S.D., and Mr. Charles Albert Poole, proposed by Bro. Weedon P.M., seconded by Bro. Nicholson. After the ballot, however, had been taken for the two last-named gentlemen, and before they were introduced, Bro. Coulton took the chair as Installing Master, and the W.M. elect, Bro. C. Russ, was introduced to receive at his hands the benefits of installation. Bro. Coulton is an old P.M. of this Lodge, and we have ere this had occasion to speak of his skill. Suffice it, therefore, that on this occasion he well sustained the reputation for care and ability he so well merits. Officers invested were:—Bros. Lonsdale S.W., Rowles J.W., Coulton P.M. Treasurer, Coombes P.M. Secretary, Cooper S.D., Nicholson Junior Deacon, Hall Inner Guard, Wilson Organist, Woodward Past Master Director of Ceremonies, Duffin Tyler. The new W.M. then gave the benefit of the first degree to the gentlemen named above, and by the able way in which he conducted the ceremony evidenced the choice the brethren had made was one that must ensure the duties of the chair being carried out in an eminently satisfactory manner during the current year. In the course of the evening reference was made by Bro. P.M. Swallow to the hapless condition of an old P.M. of the Lodge, and a petition for aid from the Board of Benevolence was signed by the Officers and members. After the hearty greetings of the visiting brethren had been tendered, Lodge was closed. The banquet was served in a very creditable manner by host Bro. Philips. The W.M. efficiently presided, and in the briefest terms proposed the regular toasts. A capital musical programme was gone through, but to our mind, it would have been better, in view of the exigencies of the hour if it had been curtailed. We may add that a P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Cook the outgoing Master. The brethren to whom the musical arrangements were entrusted were J. I. Cantle P.M., Knight-Smith P.M., and J. Arthur Thomas. We append a list of the songs, &c.:—"God save the Queen;" Chorus and Duet, "God Bless the Prince of Wales;" Song, "My Pretty Jane," Bro. Arthur Thomas; Duet, "Excelsior," Bros. Knight-Smith, and J. Ion Cantle; Song, "The Blue Alsatian Mountains," Bro. Knight-Smith; Song, "Hurrah for Rosy Wine," Bro. J. Ion Cantle; Song, "The Gay Postillion" (with Whip Obligato), Bro. Arthur Thomas; New Song, "Who Cares," Bro. J. Ion Cantle; Duet, "All's Well," Bros. Arthur Thomas and J. Ion Cantle; Song, "Good Night, Beloved," Bro. Knight-Smith.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

TEMPTED by the geniality displayed by the clerk of the weather during the past week or ten days, the brethren assembled in considerable strength at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 25th ult. The chair was taken by the W.M. Bro. B. E. Blasby, who was supported by his Officers and the following Past Masters:—Bros. W. Gomm, J. Chambers Rowe, Walter Goss (Treasurer), Chas. May, Littlewood, W. Hilton (Secretary), A. Beasley, H. Potter, &c., with the following Visitors:—Bros. J. E. Carpenter P.M. 1196, R. J. Manning Treasurer 446, T. W. Knight P.P.G.D.C. Kent, W. Harding 193, John Plowman 975, Jas. Terry Secretary R.M.B.I., N. Walton 865, James Squire P.M. 3, Charles Bean 889, R. H. Pearson P.M. 1196, W. Radcliffe I.P.M. 211, J. J. Michael P.G.P. Kent, W. H. Air 554, G. R. Cundell, and E. Morison jun. 1194. Lodge was opened at the hour appointed, and minutes of last regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. There were in attendance two candidates for raising—Bros. John Lees and Walter John Sperring. Both passed a satisfactory examination, and the ceremony of the degree was ably worked by the W.M. The aspirants for the second step were Bros. Samuel Blasby, Charles Thomas James Hildersley, and J. Moore Lucas, who sustained their claim for preferment, and were duly passed. The ballot was then brought into requisition for Mr. George Jefferies, proposed by Bro. Blasby W.M., and seconded by Bro. Roe P.M.; for Mr. J. P. Flew, proposed by Bro. Squires, and seconded by Bro. Blasby W.M.; and for Mr. Henry Bailey, proposed by Bro. Blasby W.M., and seconded by Bro. Maton. In each case the result was satisfactory, and these gentlemen were introduced and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. A sum of £2 2s was voted from the funds in aid of the Hervey Memorial Fund, and £10 10s towards the List of Bro. P.M. Gomm, who has kindly undertaken

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a Stewardship for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The resignation of two members was accepted, with regret, and after some propositions had been handed in, and routine work, Lodge was closed. After a brief interval the customary banquet was served, Bro. Brill ably ministering to the requirements of the large gathering. On the removal of the cloth the Loyal toasts were done full justice to. Bro. Past Master Gomm eloquently sang the praises of Bro. Blasby; all the members recognised the zeal displayed by their W.M., and one and all wished him continued prosperity during his year of office. After a capital song by Bro. Jefferies, Bro. Blasby rose to reply. He felt their worthy I.P.M. had been too liberal in the praise he had bestowed upon him. However, he could assure the brethren he should ever strive to promote the welfare of the Lodge, and the comfort of its members. The Past Masters were next complimented. Each of those present addressed a few observations, and many happy allusions were, in the course of their remarks, made to the pleasant bygones of the Lodge. The initiates were next toasted, and replies were forcibly made by the newly-made brethren. The toast of the Charities brought forth an elaborate statement of their needs, and a pleasant *résumé* of what each Institution was doing for the distressed brethren and their offspring. The toast of the Visitors brought forth the eloquence of Bro. Carpenter, who could boast of forty-two years experience of what the Craft had done. The remaining toasts were not overlooked, and to each suitable responses were made. Altogether the evening passed most pleasantly, Bros. Flaw, Jefferies, Beasley, Gunner, Lucas, Hildersley and others contributing some excellent harmony. The Organist of the Lodge, Bro. Kent, ably assisted at the pianoforte.

SOIREE OF THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE members and friends of The Great City Lodge took part in a most enjoyable entertainment on Saturday, 26th March, at the Cannon Street Hotel. The Lodge is so noted for the thoroughness with which everything in connection therewith is undertaken, that we think very little need be said on that score; suffice it, that this evening's meeting proved one of the most successful—if not the most successful—that has ever been held. The opinion we entertain as to the desirability of having at least one ladies' night in connection with our Masonic year is well known. We are assured that the entertainment provided for the fair sex at such meetings as that given by The Great City Lodge can but be beneficial to the Craft, as through its influence the ladies come to look upon the Order with more favour than is the case when they are rigorously excluded from any participation in the enjoyment of its periodical assemblies. We are very pleased to find this opinion growing in favour, and have no doubt that the example of The Great City and other influential Lodges will in the future be frequently followed, and that ere long it will be the custom rather than the exception, as at present, for the ladies to participate in at least one of the Lodge meetings of the year. The programme for the evening, as provided at The Great City, was varied; the entertainment commenced at half-past five for six, with a concert in the Great Hall, which was followed by Mr. Benn's exhibition, which, as many of our readers are doubtless aware, is a display of that gentleman's wonderful ability in the art of portrait drawing, which is, if not exactly instantaneous, at least very nearly so. His power in this direction was amply illustrated when he placed on the board the profile of one of the most prominent members of the Lodge, and the hearty applause which greeted the well known features showed the satisfaction of the spectators, not only of the artist's power, but also of the way in which the duties appertaining to his office are fulfilled by the brother in question. This concluding the first part of the programme, an adjournment took place to the Pillar Hall, where supper was laid out in splendid style, the managers of the hotel apparently doing everything in their power to secure the comfort of those assembled. At the conclusion of the supper, the toasts were very few, the chairman proposing The Queen and the Craft, and later on The Ladies. Success to The Great City Lodge was heartily proposed, and as heartily received. The W.M. Bro. Hamer, in replying, referred to the pleasure he and his brother Officers felt in witnessing the success of the entertainment. He thanked the company for the way in which they had drunk to the success of the Lodge. He was extremely proud to occupy the position of Worshipful Master, but never had he felt more so than on the present occasion, when he saw around him so many friends other than members of the Lodge, but more particularly the Ladies. He then proposed the health of The Ladies, calling upon Bro. Benn to respond. That gentleman, in answer to the call, said he felt it a great privilege to be associated with the ladies, either in a toast or in any other way. He would conclude his remarks with the oft repeated line

"The ladies, God bless them."

The W.M. desired to tender the thanks of the members to those who had so kindly contributed to the harmony of the evening. He then announced that a dance was arranged for in the great hall, and that the band was waiting. Accordingly, a removal was made and a lively dance was kept up until close upon midnight. We have already said the evening was a most enjoyable one, a result which could have been achieved only at great trouble on the part of those who had the arrangement of the preliminary details, and we think that all will agree with us in awarding the palm in that respect to Bro. Blackie, the Secretary. When all passes off well there are few who consider the amount of trouble that must have been entailed to bring about so successful an issue, but we imagine that Bro. Blackie could tell of many an hour spent in arranging details; however, he was amply rewarded, as were all who had assisted him, in being able to point to so grand a result. We understand that at least one hundred and fifty more tickets could have been allotted than were supplied; the committee having deemed it better to disappoint a minority than to inconvenience all. The actual number present was upwards of two hundred and thirty.

EVENING STAR LODGE, No. 1719.

WE invariably look forward to the meetings of this compact and ably conducted Lodge with much pleasure, and the gratification we experienced as the result of our attendance on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., was all we could have hoped for. Lodge was presided over by the W.M. Bro. William Sugg, who was right loyally supported by his Officers. The business comprised the reading of the minutes of last regular, and of an emergency meeting, which were duly confirmed. Bro. John Copper, who by the courtesy of the W.M. of the Windsor Lodge had received his second degree, was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., Bro. Sugg ably conducting the ceremony, which was rendered the more impressive by the organ performance of Bro. Henry Sugg W.M. of the Frederick Lodge of Unity, No. 482. A candidate for initiation, who had for his sponsors Bros. Mildred and Mainwaring, was successfully ballotted for, and notice of motion was given that £5 5s be voted from the Lodge funds towards the Hervey Memorial Fund. The Treasurer reported that the balance in hand at the end of February amounted to £105. An appeal was then made for brethren to offer themselves to serve as Stewards, and Bro. A. Williams expressed his readiness to act for the Girls' Institution; £10 10s was promised in support of his List. We regret no brother offered his services on behalf of "Our Boys," as the Lodge, with considerate liberality, was quite prepared to advocate the granting of a like sum to that Institution. However, we are assured that at the next meeting of the Lodge one of its youngest members, failing acceptance by a senior, will tender his services. We may add that Bro. J. W. Sugg intimated that at the Festival in 1882, for the Royal Masonic Benovolent Institution, he would be happy to act as Steward for the Lodge. Some propositions for joining and initiation were then handed in. Bro. Magnus Ohren Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies then rose; he stated that it was with great pleasure he had to inform the brethren that he had been entrusted with a commission from their I.P.M., Bro. John Aird—a commission of which he felt proud; it was to present the Lodge, in Bro. Aird's name, with a souvenir of his year of office as W.M., and to mark the many happy hours he had spent with the brethren since the formation of the Lodge. He (Bro. Ohren) must remind the W.M. and brethren that they were already indebted to Bro. Aird for a very valuable gift to the Lodge. It would be in the recollection of all that the Founders each did their best to furnish their Lodge in a manner worthy of the position it was destined to take in the Craft, and all had given to the best of their ability. On that occasion Bro. Aird took upon himself to supply the whole of the collars and jewels required for the Officers. The jewels were of massive silver, and the gift was, he need scarcely say, a most valuable one to the Lodge. Bro. Aird did not, however, rest satisfied with making that mark in the Lodge, but desired to perpetuate his year of office still further, by the gift he now tendered—a magnificent snuffbox. He felt assured that the present and all future Worshipful Masters would see that the box was placed on the banquet table at every meeting, so that future members might know the kindness of feeling that existed amongst the brethren. Bro. Ohren then, on behalf of Bro. Past Master Aird, handed over the handsome present, and moved that the best thanks of the Lodge be presented to Bro. Aird for this mark of his kindness, and that the same be recorded on the minutes, together with a copy of the inscription; he felt confident that not only the Officers, but every member of this Lodge, would reciprocate all Bro. Aird's good wishes and good feeling, and that the motion would be carried with acclamation. It need scarcely be added the proposition was heartily carried. Bro. Aird, in reply, said that, agreeable as it was to hear such kind remarks expressed, he felt he ought not to have been present. However, his acknowledgments were due to one and all, especially to the Worshipful Master and the Secretary, Bro. Ohren. Bro. Mitchell appealed to the brethren for their suffrages and assistance on behalf of the widow of the late Bro. Diver, and recounted the particulars of the case, which was one of great distress. After one or two other matters had been disposed of, Lodge was closed. A banquet was then partaken of, and the brethren spent the evening together most pleasantly. The Worshipful Master provided a capital musical entertainment, in which the following artistes took part:—Misses Helen Grieffenhagen and Millie Turner; Mr. Coward; Bros. Stedman, Charles Tinney, and J. Jeffreys. The following were present as Visitors:—Bros. Mitchell P.M. 944 P.G.J.W. Bombay, C. Hume P.M. 209, Roberts 209, Allport 100, Thomas Crapper 211, Henry Sugg W.M. 482, Cruckenden, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, Vincent P.M., Browning S.W. 33, Tinney I.G. 1319.

INDUSTRY LODGE, No. 186.

THE second Annual Ball was held on the 15th ult., at the Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. W. Philp W.M. and the following Stewards:—Bros. W. Mann P.M. and Treasurer, J. Seex P.M. Treasurer, T. Tallent P.M., G. Dyer P.M., W. H. Hook P.M., H. J. Johnson S.W., J. F. Taffs J.W., G. J. Dyer I.G., W. S. Page W.S., Noehmer P.M., S. Earl, A. Leon, H. C. Day, T. Hollands, G. F. Stuchbury, H. Stubbins, F. W. Clayton, H. H. Leonard, F. J. Dunsford; and Bro. Douglass Robinson P.M., who efficiently acted as M.C. The company, numbering over 100, assembled in the Crown Room, where a very excellent band, under the direction of Bro. H. Baker, discoursed sweet music. A capital supper was provided by Bro. A. Best, and after the ladies and brethren had partaken of the good things provided, the W.M., Bro. Philp, said, although theirs was a social gathering, they could not go forth without drinking the health of the Queen, whom all revered; he hoped she might long enjoy health to reign over us. Bro. W. Mann P.M. then rose. He would not take up their time in proposing his toast; he must say that great credit is due to the W.M. for his exertions on behalf of the Lodge. Bro. Philp is a young Mason, but he is universally respected. The W.M. thanked Bro. Mann for his kind remarks; he

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was proud to occupy the chair of the Industry Lodge; he hoped, in his capacity of President on this occasion, he had given them satisfaction. Bro. Noehmer P.M., in humorous terms, proposed the health of the Stewards of the Ball, but he regretted the absence of some of those brethren with their ladies. After an able response from Bro. Tallent P.M., the W.M. proposed the toast of the Ladies; he was pleased to see so many present. There were certain formalities in Freemasonry which precluded them being present at Lodge meetings, but all are pleased to see them at these happy gatherings. Captain Russell ably responded to the toast, and then dancing was resumed.

STUART LODGE, No. 1632.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 28th ult., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road. The W.M. of the year, Bro. George Harry Gilham, ably presided, and was supported by the following Officers: Bros. Donald J. R. Clark S.W. W.M. elect, G. Lilley J.W., T. Poore P.M. Secretary, G. L. Gilham S.D., W. Job J.D., G. W. Evans Organist, R. Barham and H. Baldwin Stewards, E. Bessell I.G. The preliminary business having been transacted, and the report of the Audit Committee received, the ballot was brought into requisition on behalf of Mr. Charles Fruen, who was a candidate for initiation. The ballot proved to be in his favour, and later in the evening he received the first degree. The Worshipful Master elect having been presented, was obligated, and in admirable manner installed by the retiring W.M. Bro. Gilham; we do not remember seeing any brother perform the ceremony in a more earnest way than did Brother Gilham, every part of the ritual receiving from him an emphasis which lent additional impressiveness. The addresses having been given, the new Worshipful Master invested the following as his Officers:—namely, Lilley S.W., Gilham J.W., Poore P.M. Secretary, Job S.D., Bessell J.D., Barham I.G., Stuart-Barker jun. Director of Ceremonies, and Bannister Organist. Bro. G. H. Gilham then again assumed the chair, and Mr. C. Fruen was admitted and initiated. The Worshipful Master afterwards closed the Lodge, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. Among the visitors present were Bros. Moss, Taylor, Thomas, Clark jun., Woodman, Milbourne, Canton, Forge, Bright, Dawes, Probyn, R. Longhurst, W. W. Morgan jun. (FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE). At the conclusion of the banquet, the Worshipful Master proposed the preliminary toasts. Bro. Gilham gave that of the W.M. He was again entrusted with the gavel; he never took it in hand with greater pleasure than then. The W.M had been associated with the Lodge from its commencement; and he felt there was no one in the Lodge who could propose a toast that would be more heartily received than that of Brother Clark. Brother Gilham felt sure the new W.M. would do all that could be done to make his year of office a successful one. The Worshipful Master replied to the toast with the greatest pleasure; he was very proud of the position to which he had been elected, and should endeavour to do his best for the Lodge and for that peace and harmony which should at all times characterise Freemasonry. He felt that there were many brethren around him who wished him every success during his term of office, and he could but hope that such would be the result of his efforts. The W.M. next proposed the health of Brother Fruen, the initiate of the meeting. He considered this toast the most important of the evening, as it was to the initiates that they had to look to maintain Freemasonry in its present position. The brother they had that night received into their midst gave every promise of becoming a good Mason, having, if he might judge from his conversation, taken a great interest in the ceremony thus far. Bro. Fruen, in reply, said that it had given him the greatest pleasure to join the ranks of Freemasonry, which he found was based on the principles he had been taught during his whole life—to look to the Great Creator in all cases and on all subjects. The health of the Visitors was given from the chair. The Worshipful Master said he could not speak in more favourable terms of one than of another; still, he had more especially to thank Bros. Moss, Canton, and Milbourne. The Lodge was at all times pleased to see Visitors; he felt sure the members all hoped the guests had spent a pleasant evening—such was certainly his desire. Bros. Moss, Canton, Milbourne, Probyn, &c., replied. In giving the health of the I.P.M., Bro. Clark referred to the many good qualities of Bro. Gilham; he had done well during the past year, and especially so that night, when he had so ably installed his successor. The Worshipful Master had much pleasure in investing Bro. Gilham with a Past Master's jewel, which the brethren had subscribed for, and in doing so wished him long life and happiness. Bro. Gilham, in reply, could not help feeling the kind manner in which he had been spoken of. Ever since he had been initiated into Freemasonry he had made Masonry his religion. He greatly appreciated the proud honour he now possessed of being able to write P.M. after his name. When he became an Officer of the Lodge he endeavoured to do everything required of him to the best of his skill and ability, and hoped he had given satisfaction. He considered it the duty—the absolute duty—of a Master to instal his successor. If he failed in the work his brethren would forgive him, but if he succeeded, then they were ready to shower honours on him. He was extremely pleased with the jewel they had presented to him, and when he considered the unanimity with which it had been voted, he could but look upon it as the proudest ornament he could wear. The Worshipful Master next gave the health of the Past Masters, to which Bro. Stuart-Barker replied. The Officers having been honoured, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

Burdett-Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—At the Lamb Tavern, Bethnal-green Junction. At the meeting held on Wednesday, the 23rd ultimo, the chair was occupied by Bro. B. Cundick, who was supported by Bros. W. Musto P.M. as S.W., G. H. Stephens J.W., W. Hogg P.M. Preceptor, A. Hand Secretary, B. Stewart S.D., T. Wooding J.D., Clarke I.G.; Past Masters Myers, Webb, Barnes, Cohen; Bros. Chitson, How, Gladstein, Sturtevant, Loane, Hopkins, Loveday, Seymour-Clarke, Christian, Ward, J. Taylor, McDonald, Richardson. Lodge was opened, and the Fifteen Sections were worked as follows:—First Lecture:—Bros. Richardson, Loane, Clark, Wooding, Hogg, and McDonald. Second Lecture:—Bros. Stewart, Stephens, Webb, Musto, and Hopkins. Third Lecture:—Bros. Barnes, Myers, and Taylor. At the conclusion of the working, Bros. Loane 1421, Richardson 174, and Hopkins 749 were duly elected members. A cornial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Cundick for the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair; honorary membership of the Lodge was also conferred upon him.

Sphinx Lodge, No. 1329.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Saturday, the 19th ult. The Lodge was opened punctually at five in the afternoon by the W.M., Bro. B. B. Bryant, and there were present during the meeting Bros. G. R. Richards S.W., J. S. Mansell J.W., A. Middlemass S.D., J. C. Reynolds Treasurer, John Hernaman Secretary, A. J. Brinton I.G., H. Forbes and W. L. Permawan Stewards; Past Masters B. Lyon, G. T. Bickerton, J. Sugden, and H. Martin; W. Andrews, G. P. Britton, G. W. Marsden, R. J. Voisey, T. Heller, D. D. Mercer, T. E. Webb, J. N. Tinney, C. Wilson, J. E. Knox, H. Bickerstaff, F. G. Lewin, J. A. Thornhill, R. Irvine, H. Fanner, C. J. Tyrrell, C. Hollingsworth, J. C. Bradley, C. S. Stevens, W. P. Roberts, C. F. Cockle, G. Harrison, &c. The Visitors were Bros. James Stevens, E. W. Allen, George Yarley, G. J. Earney, F. J. Dubois, T. W. Headon. After confirmation of minutes, Bro. C. F. Cockle was passed to the F.C. degree, and Mr. Alfred William Hammond was duly initiated into the Order. The ceremonies were admirably performed, and the work of the Worshipful Master, which was concluded by an excellent delivery of the charge in the E.A. degree, well deserved the encomiums of members and visitors alike. The Masonic Charitable Institutions were remembered, and the W.M. and Bro. Past Master Bickerton agreed to act as Stewards respectively for the ensuing Festivals of Boys and Girls. Notices of motion for Lodge grants in behalf of both lists were made, and after the proposition of further candidates, the Lodge was closed. The brethren banquetted in the dining-room adjoining the Temple, where a very liberal repast was served. The viands were excellent, and with the service reflected great credit on the caterer, Bro. George Venables, under whose management the Surrey Masonic Hall appears to be now flourishing. The Stewards, Bros. Forbes and Permawan, vied with each other in their endeavours to make members and guests comfortable, and they well succeeded. After the cloth had been cleared, and the usual Loyal toasts honoured, the company were invited by the Worshipful Master to enjoy themselves without formality, and the succeeding toasts were interspersed with songs and recitations in rapid succession. In response to "The Visitors," most flattering comments were made by one and all in regard to the good working of the Worshipful Master and his Officers in Lodge, and their subsequent most hospitable reception. The Tyler's toast brought the evening to a conclusion at a reasonably early hour.

Langthorne Lodge of Instruction, No. 1421.—At the regular meeting of this Lodge at the Swan, Stratford, E., on the 30th ult., Brothers Christian W.M., H. N. Taylor I.P.M., Haslipp S.W., Biggs J.W., A. Meyer D.C., Mansfield I.G., Past Master Latrielle Secretary. Also present Bros. G. F. Dix Worshipful Master 1421, and Past Masters T. S. Taylor, Boulton, Brown, March, Stevens. After due formalities Lodge was advanced, and the first and second ceremonies were well and impressively rehearsed, Bros. Brown and March candidates. The I.P.M., Bro. Taylor, in proposing the Senior Warden as Master for the next meeting, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to see the Officers and members of the mother Lodge attending the Lodge of Instruction. The parent Lodge being in recess, he would advise them all to continue their attendances here on Wednesday evenings, and so fit themselves for their duties when the Lodge resumed its labours. Feeling mention was made of the great loss sustained by the lamented death of Bro. G. Levick, the Treasurer of the Lodge of Instruction, and it was proposed by Bro. Dix, seconded by Bro. H. N. Taylor, and supported by Bro. T. S. Taylor, that the condolence of the brethren be conveyed by letter to the widow of our deceased brother. Lodge was closed and adjourned until the 6th inst., when we trust to see a good attendance.

West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623.—At the Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard, on Monday evening, the 28th ult., and by the invitation of the Lodge, the Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren:—Bros. G. H. Stephens J.D. 1623 (in the chair), T. J. Barnes P.M. S.W., W. H. Myers P.M. J.W., B. Cundick P.M. I.P.M. First Lecture:—Bros. J. R. Shingfield, J. Hansen Thorn, Dr. T. Loane, J. J. Berry, W. Hogg, W. Yetton, and T. J. Barnes. Second Lecture:—Bros. B. Stewart, J. Andrews, W. Musto, W. H. Myers, and D. Moss. Third Lecture:—Bros. B. Cundick, T. J. Maidwell, and J. McCarthy. Bros. W. Pennefather Preceptor and C. F. Goodenough Secretary were present during the working. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. Seymour-Clarke, T. E. Goddard, D. Partridge, J. Robson, J. Macgregor, F. Kimbell. After the working, which was most admirable throughout, Bro. Cundick proposed that the thanks of the Lodge be given to Bro. G. H. Stephens for the very able manner in which he acted as presiding Officer that night. Bro. Stephens had carried out his duties in a manner requiring but little assistance from him, and his (the speaker's) office had proved a sinecure. The working had been somewhat inconvenient, owing to the incapability of the room to hold the number of brethren who so kindly attended. In spite of this, the work had been well performed. Bro. Myers

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seconded, and Bro. T. J. Barnes supported, the motion. Bro. Barnes, in putting it to the Lodge, said he never remembered a Worshipful Master having laboured under such difficulties as Bro. Stephens had that night in working the Sections, owing to the crowded state of the room. He was pleased to bear testimony to the able manner in which Bro. Stephens had put the various questions to the lecturing brethren, and was further pleased to see how well he had been supported. Bro. Stephens briefly responded, observing how gratified he was for the support which had been accorded him. He felt very thankful to the brethren of the Lodge for electing him to occupy the chair that night, and also for the way in which many distinguished brethren from the East End had rallied round him. Bro. W. Pennefather proposed that the thanks of the Lodge be given to those brethren who had so ably worked the Fifteen Sections. Bro. Stephens, in putting the motion to the Lodge, thanked the brethren for their kind and efficient help. Bro. Musto P.M. responded, on behalf of himself and colleagues. Bro. Stephens proposed that the thanks of the Lodge be given to Bro. Barnes for his kindness in acting as S.W. They all knew how admirably Bro. Barnes worked; in fact, many lodges had adopted Bro. Barnes' system of working. Bro. Pennefather seconded, and Bro. Myers supported the motion, and it was unanimously adopted. Bro. Barnes thanked the brethren for their kind expressions of regard, both to himself and for his ideas as to what constituted good working. He was pleased to say that but little assistance was required from him in the matter of prompting, for each of the brethren who had lectured had been well schooled. He was always pleased to give what assistance he could to any Lodge, and so long as the Great Architect of the Universe did not issue one of his mystic decrees to call him unto himself, he would continue to do so. He hoped the Lodge would acknowledge the services of Bros. Past Masters Cundick and Myers, by enrolling them honorary members of the Lodge. The suggestion was adopted. A very large number of the visiting brethren being desirous to become members of the Lodge, they were unanimously elected. Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren separated.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602.—A meeting took place in the Agricultural Hall, on Friday, the 25th ultimo, Bro. John Weston W.M. There were no Past Masters present, but the work, which consisted of a passing and two raisings, was excellently rendered. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Harris was passed to the second degree, and Bros. Brown and Dettmer, having proved their efficiency as F.C.'s, were in due course raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The next business was the election of Worshipful Master, and Bro. Osborne S.W. was unanimously chosen. Bro. Hollidge was re-elected Treasurer. Before the Lodge was closed it was resolved *nem con* to present a Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas to Bro. Weston, as a mark of respect for his assiduous attention to the duties of the Lodge, he having attended every meeting, save one, when he was in Scotland on urgent business. The brethren adjourned to a moderate and well-served dinner, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and honoured. Bro. Weston, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master elect, spoke very highly of Bro. Osborne, both in and out of the Lodge. They all knew how hard he had worked for its interests, and he felt convinced he would have a most successful year of office. Bro. Speller responded for the Visitors, and said it was the first occasion he had visited the Lodge. He was delighted with the working and the manner in which he had been entertained, and he trusted, should the New Finsbury Park Lodge unite next year with the Sir Hugh Myddelton, the Ball would be a greater success than the last. Bro. Norris J.W., responding for the Officers, drew attention to the fact that he was going up as Steward for the Girls, and trusted that the brethren would make his list as large as possible. Bro. R. G. Thomas responded, as Organist, and trusted he had assisted in making the working harmonious in the Lodge. He had now joined another organ—the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE—which he trusted he should succeed in using to the interests of the Craft generally, and the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge in particular. The brethren separated at an early hour, Bro. Steedman, who was re-appointed Tyler in his absence, through severe illness, receiving the heartfelt sympathy of all present.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—On 21st ult. the regular meeting of this Lodge was held in York, the W.M. Bro. J. T. Seller presiding, supported by Bros. C. E. Padel I.P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. S. Cumberland P.M., Geo. Balmford P.M., G. Simpson S.W., M. Millington J.W., and several other officers and brethren. After some preliminary business the Lodge resolved itself into a meeting for instruction, and the S.W., Bro. Simpson, having assumed the chair, worked the opening and closing in the first degree and the ceremony of initiation in a very creditable manner. Bro. T. B. Whytehead presented to the Lodge, on behalf of the Rev. W. C. Lukis P.M. 837, a facsimile transcript from the diary of Dr. Stukeley, of the first and last pages of the Cooke Constitutions, exhibited at Grand Lodge in 1721, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Lukis for his interesting gift. A ballot was taken for a life membership of the Benevolent Institution, and Bro. B. Stephenson was declared the winner. The Lodge was then closed, and the remainder of the evening was spent in a social manner.

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THE MOHAWK MINSTRELS.

THE ninth annual benefit of Bro. James Francis, one of the proprietors of this troop, took place on Wednesday, when a programme of unusual excellence was offered to the public, and the public responded with an alacrity which must have been intensely gratifying to the worthy beneficiary. The first Part comprised a Grand Olio of Varieties, in which a number of popular artists took part. Bro. Victor Liston, whom we have often had the pleasure of meeting in the Provinces, where he is a fresh favourite, is to be commended for his contribution to the entertainment—"Shabby Genteel." Mr. T. W Barrett was exceptionally good. Mr. G. Clare, the Mohawk's prima donna, acquitted himself well in his burlesque scena, but Mr. Fred Coyne made a great mistake. If there is one thing more than another for which the Mohawks are celebrated, it is that the character of their entertainment is such that no lady need hesitate about remaining the evening through. Mr. Coyne's song was decidedly objectionable, and what was intended to be mere chaff of Mr. Irving was vulgarity itself. Mr. Coyne's exhibition of what he no doubt conscientiously regards as wit, answers to the late Lord Palmerston's definition of dirt, it is "matter out of place," at the Mohawks. The Second Part was entirely new, consisting, as usual, of ballads and songs, sympathetic and comical, which evoked, as number succeeded number, the heartiest applause from all parts of the house. It is needless to say that the veterans Messrs. Duriah, Ted Snow, C. Temple, J. Kavanagh, Freeman, and Garland exerted themselves to the utmost, and successfully. Bro. James Francis was immensely funny in his interpretation of the comic song, especially written for the occasion by his co-proprietor, Mr. Harry Hunter, while a hearty welcome was very naturally and very worthily accorded to Mr. James Francis jun., who appeared, for the first time, at his father's benefit, and sang "Will you be my Hollyhock?" another funny composition of Mr. Hunter's, written especially for the evening. Mr. Harry Hunter was happy as he always is in his capacity of interlocutor. The arrangements were in every way creditable to the manager, Mr. Edgar Mowbray (Bro. Percy), and what is more important still, the house was crammed in every part, as we have rarely seen it crammed before.

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ADELPHI.—At 7.15, BARNEY THE BARON. At 8, MICHAEL STROGOFF.

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PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.50, IN HONOUR BOUND. At 8.40, THE COLONEL.

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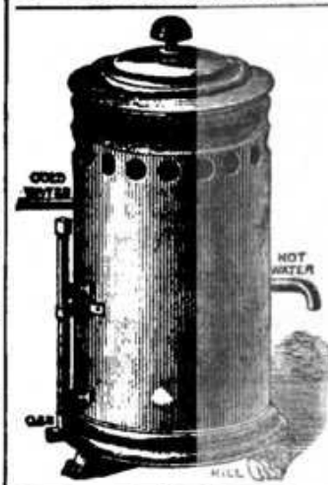
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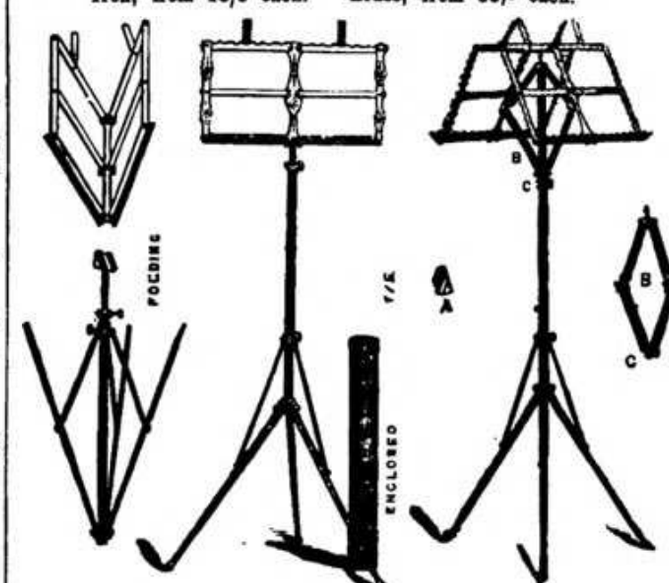
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1st.—That the act of the House Committee in trying to get a scheme from a *builder!* for an additional new staircase to the Infirmary, in lieu of a proper design from the Architect, was as irregular as it proved abortive.

2nd.—That it would be prejudicial to erect the new staircase, without taking into consideration the other additional accommodation now required by the greatly enlarged establishment, as shown on the *competition designs accepted* by the Infirmary Committee in 1871.

3rd.—That it is unmasonic and derogatory to the Craft to "*solicit*" a cowan, or employ a person who is not a Freemason, to act as Architect to complete a "*Masonic*" building, to the detriment of a brother who was *appointed Architect as the remuneration* for supplying the design in competition; who has carried out a portion satisfactorily, and against whom no offence is alleged; that it is a slur on all Freemason Architects, especially on the many who are Governors of the Institution; and that the House Committee be requested to consider the subject, and report to the General Committee thereon.

"That the Resolution passed by the House Committee, 17th February 1881, with regard to the Architect of the Infirmary and his letters to the Committee, is inconsistent with the facts."

F. R. W. HEDGES,
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PROVINCIAL G.L. OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

INSTALLATION OF A GRAND MASTER.

THE installation of Bro. Major George Singleton Tudor as Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, took place at the Borough Hall, Stafford, on 21st ult., in presence of upwards of two hundred and fifty brethren, including several visitors from Grand Lodge and from other provinces. Since the lamented death, in May 1877, of the Earl of Shrewsbury, who had been the ruler of the Craft in Staffordshire from 1871 to that date, the province had been under the direction of Bro. Macintyre, Grand Registrar. At the first annual meeting of the P.G. Lodge after the death of the Earl of Shrewsbury Bro. Tudor succeeded Bro. Frank James in the office of D.P.G.M., a position which he (Bro. Tudor) had formerly occupied. Bro. Tudor is highly esteemed as a Mason, and the announcement that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. had appointed him R.W.G.M. of Staffordshire gave universal satisfaction. To this feeling no doubt may be attributed the large attendance of brethren on Monday. The Earl of Lathom D.G.M. attended to perform the installation ceremony, and amongst those who were present were Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, F. Richardson S.G.D., H. T. S. Baring J.G.D., W. B. Hughes, M.P., D.G.M. of North Wales and Shropshire, Capt. Hunter P.P.G.M. Aberdeenshire, Foster Gough P.D.P.G.M., Frank James P.D.P.G.M., F. B. Spencer 1149 P.P.G.W. Surrey. The Provincial Grand Officers present were Bros. W. Bayliss S.W., R. Tooth Registrar, J. Bodenham Treasurer, W. Cartwright Secretary, the Revs. E. C. Perry and J. Birch Chaplains, W. E. Parkes S.D., G. Pitchford J.D., K. Macrae Superintendent of Works, T. E. Fowke A.D.C., R. Tolson P.G.P., T. Bedsmore P.G.O., J. Woolridge, J. B. M'Callum, J. Hayes, J. Mottram, T. Rigby, T. Wood Stewards, H. Bagguley Tyler.

The Staffordshire Knott Lodge (26) was opened by Bro. Wood W.M., at one o'clock. Shortly after, the Earl of Lathom entered the room, received the salute, opened the P.G. Lodge, and called upon the P.G. Secretary (Bro. Cartwright) to read the minutes of the last meeting. A communication was received from Col. Vernon, formerly P.G.M., stating that the condition of his health prevented him from attending, and Col. Clerke conveyed a message from Brother Macintyre Grand Registrar, regretting his inability to be present. The Earl of Lathom said they had met to instal a Grand Master of the Province. They were aware that the province had been under the charge of Bro. Macintyre for some time, and knowing as he did what a good Mason Bro. Macintyre was, they must have been satisfied with the way in which he had discharged his duties. He had often been invited to come into Staffordshire by their late worthy P.G.M. the Earl of Shrewsbury, whose death, he was sure, must have been felt as a great loss to every one of them, and although he had not visited the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire before, he had the greatest possible pleasure in attending to instal Bro. Tudor. The arrival of the P.G.M. designate having been announced, and he having sent in his patent, he was admitted by a deputation of Masters and Past Masters and conducted to the pedestal. The P.G. Secretary then read the patent, and after a prayer by Bro. the Rev. E. C. Perry P.G. Chaplain, Bro. Tudor was duly installed, and invested with the apron, chain, and jewel of office, after which he was proclaimed and saluted. Bro. Tudor on taking the chair said, the honour which the Prince of Wales as Grand Master had conferred upon him had taken him by surprise, but he esteemed the appointment a very high honour, and he also felt it a great compliment for the Earl of Lathom to have attended and installed him. He hoped that the Earl would never have cause to regret the part which he had taken in the proceedings of that day, and that he (Bro. Tudor) would be able to satisfy the Masons of Staffordshire, whose renewed proof of kindness that day would be an incentive to him to continue to try to do his duty. Bro. Foster Gough, who formerly held the office of D.P.G. Master, was again appointed to that office, and as such was saluted by the brethren. The following brethren were appointed to Provincial Grand offices:—Bros. W. J. Gothard 624 Burton S.W., T. Bickley 418 Hanley J.W., the Ven. Archdeacon Iles Wolverhampton, Chaplain, the Rev. J. Burch, Wednesfield, Chaplain, T. Wood 726 Stafford, Registrar, W. Cartwright 460 Newcastle, Secretary, J. G. Ainsworth 460 Newcastle, S.D., F. W. Grove, Stoke, J.D., C. Round 347 Tipton, Superintendent of Works, T. E. Fowke 726 Stafford, D.C., J. F. Pepper 482 Handsworth, A.D.C., J. Thorburn 98 Burslem, Swordbearer, T. Bedsmore 1039 Lichfield, Organist, J. Bryan 526 Wolverhampton, Pursuivant, Captain Thorn 526 Wolverhampton, Standard Bearer. Bro. J. Bodenham 726 Stafford, was re-appointed, by the unanimous votes of the brethren, to the office of Treasurer, and H. Bagguley was, with equal unanimity, re-appointed Tyler. A Committee was appointed to go through the bye-laws of the P.G. Lodge. Bro. F. James P.D.P.G.M., said they had met to witness the performance of a duty to which they had long looked forward, and he had great pleasure in proposing a vote of thanks to the D.G.M. of England for having come amongst them to instal the Prov. Grand Master of Staffordshire. Every one acquainted with Masonic literature was well aware how well the Earl of Lathom performed the duties entrusted to him. His zeal never flagged, and while proposing

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a vote of thanks to him, they must also feel grateful to the Grand Master of England for having permitted them to meet in the manner they had done, and have as their Master one whom they all had so long loved. Bro. Foster Gough seconded the motion, which was carried with a cordial expression of approval. The Earl of Lathom, in acknowledging the vote, said he had experienced great pleasure in coming amongst them. It always gave him pleasure to go about to different provinces and see how they were prospering, and how the work was being done. Wherever he went he had to thank the brethren for the hearty reception he met with, which made him the more anxious to discharge the small duties which he had to do as D.G.M., and so long as the G.M. thought fit to continue him in office he hoped he should never be found wanting in doing those duties. On the suggestion of Bro. Cartwright, the sum of £52 10s was voted to be added to the list of subscriptions to be taken by Bro. Bodenham to the next Festival of the Boys' School. The brethren then adjourned to St. Mary's Church, where divine service was held. The prayers were read by the Rev. T. Smith, and the lessons by the Revs. W. Randall and E. C. Perry P.P.G. Chaplains. The Ven. Archdeacon Iles preached an excellent sermon, in which he dwelt on the great principles of liberty, equality, and fraternity, as carried out by Freemasons. The amount of the collection was £12 7s 6d, which on return to the Lodge was voted as follows:—£3 3s to the Schools connected with St. Mary's Church; £3 3s to the Chaplains' Schools; £3 3s to the Staffordshire Infirmary; and the remainder between the Hospitals of North and South Staffordshire. Bro. Fowke very efficiently acted as Director of Ceremonies throughout the day.

After the Lodge had been closed, about two hundred of the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet provied by Bro. Nutt, of the North-Western Hotel, the R.W.D.G.M. presiding. At the conclusion of the repast, the Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. In responding on behalf of the M.W. Pro G.M. the R.W. D.G.M., and the other grand Officers past and present, the Earl of Lathom said the Pro Grand Master, than whom no better Mason lived, was soon coming back to England with, he (Earl Lathom) hoped, renewed strength from Madeira. Col. Clerke many of them were acquainted with, and it was impossible for any man to do his work better than did the Grand Secretary. He was sure that all the Officers of the Grand Lodge did their work thoroughly and conscientiously, and he hoped that would always be the case. He was grateful for the hearty welcome he had met with in Staffordshire, and he was happy to find that the province was flourishing and that it was placed under the rule of so good brother as Major Tudor. Masonry has made immense strides in the last few years. He might say that since he had had the honour of holding the office he now occupied, he thought it was not wrong in saying that upwards of three hundred new Lodges had been consecrated. He thought it was a very small average to put it at thirty to forty members for each Lodge, and that would give them a slight idea of the enormous increase going on in their brotherhood during the past few years. His own province of Lancashire was prosperous, because though the great depression of trade had prevented many people from joining, still in the last few years the number of Lodges had increased from 69 to 84, many of them having as many as a hundred members. If Masonry increased and prospered in bad times, what might it do in good times? There was every reason to hope that the Craft would prosper, and that their good works would expand and show themselves to the outer world. After a short interval, the Earl of Lathom proposed the health of the newly-installed P.G.M. Before he came to Stafford he had heard how popular the appointment of Bro. Tudor would be amongst the brethren in the province, and he must say the reception he had met with had fully confirmed the report. He should be happy to tell his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales that in selecting a brother to rule over the province his choice had fallen on the right man. Major Tudor briefly acknowledge the compliment, stating that he hoped, with the assistance of the brethren, he should discharge his duties with honour to himself and advantage to the province. Bro. Col. Clerke proposed the health of the D.P.G.M., referring in terms of praise to the manner in which Bro. Foster Gough had formerly discharged the duties of that high office. The toast having been cordially received, Bro. Gough responded, observing that the encomiums passed upon him relative to his past services were far beyond what he deserved. He could, however, assert that the same spirit animated him now as when he took the office some years ago. The Masonic province of Staffordshire was a splendid one, and that day marked the restoration to Masons of their governor. When the ruler of a kingdom was hereditary his loss was great, but when one died who was not an hereditary ruler there was still greater regret felt at his death. The Masons of Staffordshire were now able to hold their proper position in the Masonic world. He had no wish to find fault with Bro. Macintyre, indeed, he had no hesitation in affirming that it was impossible to find within the limits of the Grand Lodge a brother under whose rule the province would be more prosperous than under that of the Grand Registrar. But still it was a matter for congratulation that they were enabled to see in the position of P.G.M. one of themselves, one whose earnest zeal and watchfulness for the protection of the Craft would lead to their best interests being kept steadily in view. The P.G.M. was one who admirably obtained order and maintained discipline, which were vital to the wellbeing, if not the existence of the fraternity. Bro. C. H. Dudley gave the toasts of "the Provincial Grand Officers past and present," for whom Bro. Gothard P.S.G.W. responded; Bro. Cartwright proposed "The Visitors," on whose behalf Bro. Bristowe P.G. Sec. Worcestershire responded; Bro. the Rev. E. C. Perry gave the toast of "The Masters of Lodges," acknowledged by Capt. Thorne (Tudor Lodge of Volunteers, Wolverhampton); Bro. Cartwright presented the toast of "P.G. Stewards," for whom Bro. Dr. Hayes responded. The proceedings concluded with the Tyler's toast. The enjoyment of the company was enhanced by the admirable singing of the Birmingham Glee Union.

"A Mason without a God! A ship without a rudder! A world without light!"—*Grand Master Hand, of Dacota.*

NEW ZEALAND.

Our Auckland correspondent supplies us with the following items:—

Ara Lodge (I.C.)—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on 6th January, at the Masonic Hotel, Princes-street. There was a very large attendance of the members of the Lodge and of visiting brethren. Bro. Durance, the outgoing W.M., occupied the chair, and amongst the Masonic dignataries present were the Right Worshipful Provincial District G.M., Bros. G. P. Pierce, Rattray Prince of Wales Lodge, Wright Waitemata Lodge, Suiter United Service Lodge, and the following Past Masters:—Bros. Robinson, Rees, Russell, Mitchell, Page, Roycroft, Niccol, Rev. Nelson, Leers, Philips, Moat, Hewson, Trimble, Basley, Fenton, Dawson, and Rev. Dr. Kidd. Bro. Rees P.M. officiated as Installing Master, and carried out the duties impressively and to the satisfaction of the old Masons present. The following is a list of the Officers installed:—J. B. Crothers W.M., Arthur Wright S.W., C. S. Western J.W., Rev. Dr. Kidd, M.A. Chaplain, Mitchell P.M. Treasurer, Russell P.M. Secretary, A. Linabury S.D., F. Quick J.D., Rees P.M. Organist, Page P.M. D. of C., F. Kummer I.G., W. H. Fenton and Young Stewards, C. Porter Tyler. A banquet was subsequently laid in the large room of the hotel by Mr. Panter, in a very creditable style, and was done full justice to. Afterwards the brethren adjourned to the Lodge room, where the tables were spread, and the usual toasts proposed and suitably responded to.

Coromandel Lodge, No. 456 (I.C.)—The annual installation of Officers of this Lodge took place at the Lodge room, Coromandel Hotel, on the evening of Wednesday, 12th January. Lodge was opened by the retiring W.M. Bro. Andrew King. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. A gentleman who was proposed at a former meeting was successfully balloted for. Lodge was then passed to the second degree, and Bro. J. B. Gatland W.M. elect was presented by Bros. J. A. Dobson and J. H. Harrison, P.M.'s of the Lodge, for installation. The ceremony was conducted by Bro. A. King, the Master of the Lodge, ably assisted by the P.M.'s. After the new W.M. was duly installed in the chair of K.S. he was saluted in the different degrees. He then invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. R. Nazer S.W., C. H. J. Hovell J.W., C. H. Bennet Secretary and Treasurer, H. McDonald S.D., A. Kelso J.D., C. Grant I.G., C. Coglan Tyler. The addresses to the newly-installed Master and Officers were delivered in a most impressive manner by the Installing Master. The retiring W.M. received the congratulations of the brethren present on the efficient manner in which he had conducted the ceremony. He, in reply to all the kind things said, made a suitable answer, and took the opportunity to glance at the difficulties that beset him during his two years' term of office, and congratulated the Lodge on its present prosperous state as compared with that when he took the chair. He had no doubt, with the improved prospects of the district Masonry would advance too. Hearty good wishes were tendered from the United Service Lodge by visiting Bro. Captain Hargreaves, and from Eden Lodge by visiting Bro. Fortzer, who also kindly offered to present the Lodge with a set of Masonic candles. The offer was accepted, with thanks. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned at the invitation of the new W.M., to light refreshments, when a cheerful hour was spent.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 418 (S.C.)—An emergency or adjourned meeting of this Lodge was held on 14th January, at the Masonic Hotel. The business was the installation of Officers for the ensuing year. Lodge was opened in due form by the retiring R.W.M. Bro. Ellison, and his Officers, after which Bro. Hewson P.M. assumed the chair as Installing Master. Amongst the Visitors present were Bros. P.M.'s Leers, Rev. Tebbs, H. G. Wade, J. Hatawell, Carlaw and Douall. Apologies were received from Bros. Suiter W.M. Waitemata Lodge, W. P. Moat D.G. Registrar E.C., G. P. Pierce R.W. D.G.M. I.C., Rev. C. M. Nelson, and others. The Installing Master invested and proclaimed Bro. M. Niccol as R.W.M., in accordance with ancient custom. Bro. Niccol then installed his Officers as follow:—J. Slator S.W., J. J. Payne J.W., H. A. H. Hitchens Treasurer, George Payne Secretary, N. McCulsky S.D., F. B. Hughes J.D., W. A. Clarke I.G., C. Porter Tyler. After the regular business, it was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow of the late Bro. Thomas Whitson, and that as a mark of respect for his memory, the Lodge be kept in mourning for three months. The usual congratulations from the visiting brethren having been tendered, and the Lodge closed in peace, love and harmony, an adjournment was made to the dining-room, where Mr. Panter had provided an excellently-laid and well-served banquet, replete with all the delicacies of the season. The usual toasts on such occasions were proposed and responded to, and a most agreeable evening passed.

Eden Lodge, No. 1580 (E.C.).—The anniversary of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Newton, on 19th January, and took the form of a ball, which commenced at nine o'clock. There was a moderate attendance, but those present entered heartily into the spirit of the entertainment, and a very enjoyable evening was passed. Mr. Wright's string band contributed the necessary music: Bros. Chapman, Stephenson and Warren Stewards, arranged the details of the gathering in the best manner possible. A spread was laid in the upstairs room by Mr. Dallen, in a very creditable style, and the whole proceedings went off in an agreeable and entertaining manner.

CONSECRATION OF A MASONIC HALL.

THE consecration and dedication of the new Masonic Hall, erected by the Star of the North Lodge, No. 1647 E.C., Whangarei, took place on Saturday, 15th January. Bro. Lodder and the Officers of the District Grand Lodge, who took part in the ceremony, accompanied by a number of brethren, left Auckland by the s.s. Argyle on

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Friday evening, arriving at Whangarei wharf about eight o'clock on Saturday morning, where they were received by Bro. Hanson W.M. of the local Lodge, and several of the brethren. The Star of the North Lodge having been opened in the three degrees in its old Lodge room, the brethren marched to the new hall, where they were joined by the visiting brethren, amongst whom we noticed Bros. Wright Waitemata Lodge 649 E.C., Mitchelson W.M. St. George's Lodge 1801 E.C., Jones W.M. Northern Light Lodge 1878 E.C., F. Roycroft P.M. 421 I.C., H. Chapman P.M. 1580 E.C., Errington P.G.A. S.C. and many others, the total number present being upwards of sixty. The Grand Lodge Officers present were:—Bros. W. Lodder D.D.G.M., W. P. Moat D.G.R., E. S. Wilcocks D.G.D., T. Cole D.G.D.C., W. Rattray A.G.D.C., and J. M. Dargaville D.G.S. At high noon the Grand Lodge was announced, and, having been received with the usual honours, the ceremony of consecration commenced. Brother Lodder acting as D.G.M., assisted by Bros. Moat as D.D.G.M. and Rattray as D.G.D.C. The music being ably rendered by Bro. Chapman, who acted as District Grand Organist. The hall having been declared duly consecrated and dedicated to all the purposes of Masonry, Bro. Moat took the chair as Installing Master, and, with the observances necessary on such occasions, installed Bro. A. Hanson as the W.M. for the ensuing year, who then appointed and invested his Officers—Bros. Pearson and Hanna having been chosen as Wardens, and Bro. Spence as Secretary, after which the Lodge was closed in due form. After the consecration and dedication, the brethren and visitors adjourned to an elegantly-laid banquet, where the liberal display and excellency of viands did great credit to the caterer. The usual toasts on such occasions were proposed and responded to in a satisfactory manner.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Peace and Harmony Lodge.—A meeting of the above Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 16th February, at Du Toits Pan, Diamond Fields. Present:—Bros. Charles Roberts W.M., B. Kusser S.W., J. B. King J.W., E. Isaacs Hon. Sec., A. Yockmanitz Treas., D. Avis Amb., W. Knipers Arch. and Steward, S. W. Green Tyler; A. Cohen, A. Farr, W. Lomas, M. A. Aria, W. N. Vilgeon, D. J. de Villiars de Voss, C. J. Barnes, R. C. Partridge. Visitors—P. Tallerman Richard Giddy Lodge, M. Rossettenstein Peace and Harmony Lodge, Elias Harris Sir Hugh Myddelton, and several others. After Lodge had been formally opened, the W.M. informed the brethren that the business of the evening was to confer the sublime degree of Master Mason on Bros. Alfred Cohen and William Herbert Lomas; at the same time he had much pleasure in deputing Bro. Kusser to confer the degree. Lodge was then passed and raised, when the candidates were admitted, and duly raised to the degree of Master Mason, in a very creditable manner by the S.W. The labours in the above degree being ended, the Lodge was reduced, when the W.M. congratulated Bro. Kusser on the able and impressive manner in which he had worked the ceremony. In replying, Bro. Kusser thanked the W.M. for allowing him such a privilege. After the W.M. had thanked the Visitors for their attendance, Lodge was closed in ancient form.

ROYAL ARCH.

Robert Burns Chapter, No. 25.—The installation meeting took place on Thursday 24th ultimo, at Freemasons' Hall. Comps. W. Kerby as P.Z. in the absence of Comp. Martin M.E.Z., W. Land H., W. Platt S.E., J. Baxter J., F. Hatton S.N., W. Elsley P.S., H. H. Smith W.S., J. E. Shand 1st Assist., W. Deaton 2nd Assist. P.Z.'s Comps. Sherville, Allsopps, Deaton, Boyd, Robins, Lidner, and others. Vistors—Comps. Seymour Smith and Taylor. Business—Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed; the Auditor's report was adopted. The installation of Principals and appointment of Officers resulted as follows:—Comps. W. Land M.E.Z., W. Kerby Treasurer, J. Baxter H., W. Elsey J., J. E. Shand N., W. Platt S.E., G. Deaton P.S., J. Boyd 1st Assist., H. Stead Janitor, H. H. Smith W.S. Chapter was closed, and the Companions dined together. The usual Loyal and R.A. toasts were given by the M.E.Z., and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Joppa Chapter, No. 188.—A convocation was held on the 28th ult., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comps. L. Lazarus M.E.Z., W. H. Gulliford H., H. P. Isaac J., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treas., N. Baum S.E.; P.Z.'s S. M. Lazarus, M. J. Emanuel, H. M. Levy, W. Littaur. Visitors—Comps. Corrie Jackson late 188, J. C. Corpe 507. Chapter was opened and the minutes confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Bros. J. I. Cohen 1340 Smyrna, and J. W. Brooke P.M. 1839. Bro. J. E. Megair, who had previously been accepted, was duly exalted into R.A. Masonry in a perfect and impressive manner. Comp. W. Littaur P.Z., proposed that Comp. E. P. Albert P.Z. be elected an honorary member. This was seconded by Comp. Gulliford J., and carried unanimously. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Comp. W. G. Jennings, superintended by Comp. M. Silver. The M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts in a very eloquent and genial manner. In giving the health of the Exaltee, the M.E.Z. said Companion Brooke was one they were all pleased to see. He was the Master of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, and had made his mark in Freemasonry. Comp Brooke thanked the M.E.Z. for the kind manner he had spoken of him; he was pleased to see how beautifully and impressively the ceremony had been worked; the name of Joppa was, and ever would be, impressed on his memory. Comp. Littaur P.Z. proposed the toast of the M.E.Z.; he had passed through every office in the Chapter, and had given unqualified satisfaction. His working was simply perfection. The M.E.Z. replied to the toast, and then proposed the health of the Visitors, which was responded to by Comps. Corpe and Corrie Jackson. The Officers in due course were complimented, and the Janitor's toast concluded a very agreeable evening.

Obituary.

BRO. MANOAH RHODES.

WE regret to state that Bro. Manoah Rhodes, the head of the firm of Messrs. Manoah Rhodes and Sons, goldsmiths, of Kirkgate, Bradford, expired on Sunday morning, 20th March. Recent references to the prostrate condition to which Bro. Rhodes was reduced by the paralytic attack with which he was seized on Friday, the 11th ult., in the local press had somewhat prepared his friends, as from the first the case was regarded with grave concern.

Bro. Rhodes was born on the 7th of March 1810, so that he had entered upon the 72nd year of his age. Up to Thursday evening, the 10th inst., he had attended to business with his usual activity. The business concern, which under his management had risen to one of leading importance in Yorkshire, was of his own creation. His father a slay and heald manufacturer, lived at Morley, where Bro. Manoah Rhodes was born, and where he resided until he had completed his twelfth year. On the 9th of November 1822, he left his father's house and walked over to Bradford to enter upon an apprenticeship with Mr. John Allott, then a silversmith in Kirkgate, upon the site of whose shop Bro. Rhodes subsequently erected the fine building now standing there. After completing his engagement with Mr. Allott, Bro. Rhodes began business upon his own account in premises at the bottom of Westgate. In 1877 these premises, which had been much enlarged during Bro. Rhodes's occupation of them, were vacated for those at present occupied by the firm in Kirkgate, and which, it may be remarked, constitute one of the first establishments of the kind in the provinces.

For many years Bro. Rhodes occupied a prominent position in the Masonic body in Bradford, having been initiated into the Craft in November 1851. He was a member of the Hope Lodge 302, of which he was Worshipful Master in the year 1863. He was also connected with the Pentalpha Lodge 974, from its foundation, and was its Worshipful Master in 1871. He was a P.Z. of the Chapter of Charity, No. 302; in 1876, P.E.C. of Faith Preceptory of Knights Templar. In 1871 he was elected to the office of President of the Charity Committee of West Yorkshire, and had been one of its most earnest promoters since its formation on 13th April 1859. He had held the honourable office of P.Prov. G.J.W. of West Yorkshire, and was a Vice-patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, a Vice-president of Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and was a large contributor to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the widows of Freemasons.

Mr. Rhodes has left a widow and a family of six sons and two daughters.

THE LATE BRO. HUGHES P.M. 179.

It is but the other we chronicled the celebration, at Freemasons' Hall, of the thirty-second anniversary of Bro. Hughes's wedding day. The auspicious event took place on the 25th February, when Bro. Hughes, surrounded by his wife and family, entertained a numerous gathering of his relatives and friends. Everything passed off well, and the heartiest good wishes were expressed that Bro. Hughes might be spared many years, even long enough to be able to celebrate his golden wedding. But four weeks have elapsed since we recounted the particulars of this auspicious event, and now, alas! the happy recipient of all those good wishes has passed away, to the inexpressible grief of his family and a numerous circle of friends and acquaintances. The sad occurrence was brought about by an accident when Bro. Hughes was staying at Ryde, which he had been in the habit of visiting regularly for the last seventeen years, and where he was very highly respected. Bro. Hughes had been slightly unwell on Friday the 18th ult., but became so much better that he was able to go out on Sunday. When he was again taking outdoor exercise the following morning, he unfortunately slipped on some stones when walking near the sluice, and being unable to recover himself, fell into the sea, his head striking against some hard substance in the descent, and resulting in concussion of the brain. The funeral took place at Brompton Cemetery on Saturday, when, in addition to the family of the deceased, most of the brethren of the Manchester Lodge, No. 179, of which our late brother was a Past Master, attended in order to pay their last tribute of respect to one who had so worthily fulfilled his duties during life in every capacity as a man and brother. The Past Masters of the Lodge acted as pall bearers. We beg to offer to the widow and her children the expression of our deepest sympathy with her and them in the midst of their great affliction. The G.A.O.T. has thought fit for His own wise purposes to remove from this mundane sphere the main support of this house. May they find in their firm faith in His wisdom and goodness the strength to bear this sorrow! Bro. Hughes was in the very prime of life, being only in the fifty-second year of his age.

BRO. G. LEVICK.

We have received with deep regret the news of the death of Bro. G. Levick, Past Master Upton Lodge 1227, and one of the Founders of the Langthorne Lodge 1421, of which he was Treasurer since its consecration. Our late Brother also took great interest in the Langthorne Lodge of Instruction, of which he was also Treasurer. The funeral took place on the 29th ult., at the West Ham Cemetery, the service having previously been read at the West Ham Church. The body was followed, after the immediate relatives of the deceased, by the following brethren:—Bros. G. Dix W.M. 1421, H. N. Taylor I.P.M. 1421, C. Lacey P.M. 1421, and many others. A detachment of police also followed, the deceased having been for many years divisional surgeon to the K Division of Police at Stratford.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 2nd APRIL.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1213—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 4th APRIL.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
462—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
623—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Basingstoke
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R.A. 262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 5th APRIL.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
134—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
236—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.
M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 6th APRIL.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
229—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 3 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction).
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upp. Richmond-rd., S.W
1662—Beaconsfield, Choquers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chesham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
679—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1548—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
R. A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

THURSDAY, 7th APRIL.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7. (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bulling-lane, Great Grimsby.
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1294—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks

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1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
R.A. 861—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man.
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
M.M. 168—Rose and Thistle, 20 King-street, Wigan

FRIDAY, 8th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
657—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction.)
834—Hanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
975—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
985—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 158 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 8.0 (In.)
R.C.—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-steet, Goole.
536—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street,
1067—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
1289—Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 9th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1607—Loyalty
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1627—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145.—The regular meeting was held on the 22nd ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street. Bros. Dr. Whiteway Wilkinson W.M., C. A. Woods S.W., H. D. Kerrell J.W., T. Bull P.M. Treasurer, E. H. Thiellay Secretary, J. Reid J.D., G. Bank D.C., J. B. Lambe Steward, H. Brook I.G., P.M.'s Bros. Lister and J. H. Leggott. The business of the evening was purely of a formal character. Bro. Higgins 1563 was present as a visitor.

Israel Lodge, No. 205.—A most enjoyable evening was spent by the members of this Lodge, on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., on which occasion some excellent work was done by Bro. H. J. Phillips the W.M. The whole of the three degrees having to be worked, gave a favourable opportunity for judging of the power of Bro. Phillips, and we must say that he acquitted himself most satisfactorily. He was supported by Bros. Da Silva S.W., A. Abrahams J.W., A. M. Cohen Treas., C. F. Hogard Sec., and a large number of members. The business of the evening comprised the passing of Bro. Philcox, the initiation of Messrs. Morris Goldberg, Solomon Zacher, Jacob Bueno de Mesquita and Gustave Saling, and the raising of Bro. Oesterman, the whole of these ceremonies, as we have said, were carried our in a most perfect manner. After the closing of the Lodge, the brethren partook of supper, under the presidency of the W.M., and then spent an hour in social enjoyment. Bro. L. Norden, the I.P.M., in proposing the health of the Master, paid him a just compliment for the way in which he had presided that night. In reply the W.M. said he could add little to what he had said on previous occasions. He should always strive to be of the greatest service to the Lodge of Israel. He then proposed the health of the Initiates, giving the newly admitted brethren a most hearty welcome, and speaking in a way that must have made them feel quite at home. Bro. Mesquita was the first to respond. He could only say that he felt proud, very proud, at being received as a member of the most ancient and noble Order of Freemasonry. Bro. Zacher followed, adding a few appropriate words of thanks. Bro. Goldberg was extremely glad that he had joined the ranks of Freemasonry, and trusted he might do everything that was required of a true brother. Bro. Saling would make it an especial care to perfect himself in the Craft, and trusted that he should in the future occupy a proud position in the Order. He should always endeavour to do his best for Freemasonry. Bro. A. M. Cohen responded to the toast of the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge, the W.M. in proposing it remarking that there could not possibly be a more suitable brother to speak of it than Bro. Cohen, its founder and President. He spoke of the great amount of good that had been done through it in the past. Its funds were devoted entirely to the wants of the members of the Lodge, their widows and orphans. It must be a source of great pride for the brethren to know that through its instrumentality they had been enabled to render some most acceptable assistance in the past, and still had a large amount in hand to meet the claims of the future. It was not the custom of the committee of the fund to award trifling sums, but whenever they found a deserving case to give an amount which would really be of service. One other feature which he thought commended itself to the brethren was the fact that whatever was done by the committee was known only to the committee; they did not give and then make known who was the recipient of their bounty, and thereby counteract the good they had done. He hoped the fund would continue to prosper, and that it would be administered in the future as it had been in the past, and that even in his time its balance would reach a four figure total; they had now upwards of £600 in hand, and he trusted that before the year had expired that amount would be increased to £700. The toast of the Visitors was next given, to which Bro. Jacobs replied. The Past Masters followed, and to this Bro. Norden replied; after which the Officers was given and acknowledged. During the evening Bro. H. Cohen gave a recitation in first rate manner. Among the visitors were Bros. Grammer J.W. 27, Jacobs P.P.G.S. of W. Cornwall, Cox 188, Forte 724, Valentine W.S. 1017, and W. W. Morgan jun. FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.—The regular meeting was held on the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Café Royal, Air-street, Regent-street, Bro. L. Salomons I.P.M., in the absence of the W.M. (on account of domestic affliction), occupied the chair; M. Levy S.W., Syers J.W., L. Jacobs Treasurer, E. P. Albert P.G.P. Secretary, Mann S.D., Benjamin J.D., M. H. Leverton I.G., N. Vallentine and A. Lazarus Stewards; P.M.'s Gulliford, S. Pollitzer, Grunebaum, and J. Lazarus. Visititors—Bros. Argent (Mauritius), Sprules 917, Silvester 193, L. Solomons J.W. 1732, J. Docker W.M. 1687, B. Ollendorf 30, Freystadt 1017, S. Pardoe 1501, Hooper 733, and G. Chines 907. The Lodge was opened, and after the minutes had been confirmed, a ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Lindsay Sloper, R.A.M., and Mr. J. Levi (for whom a dispensation had been obtained from the W.M., he being under age). Both candidates were unanimously elected, and they were duly initiated into the Order by the acting W.M. Bro. E. P. Albert P.M. raised Bro. M. Levy to the third degree. A vote of condolence was voted to the W.M., Bro. S. V. Abrahams, on account of his recent bereavement. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a very excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Nicols. The acting W.M. eloquently proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. responded to that of the Grand Officers. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Initiates, expressed the pleasure he felt in introducing to our Order one who had distinguished himself in the musical profession, and whose talents were so highly appreciated; he alluded to Bro. Lindsay Sloper. Bro. Levi had also shown his desire to enter the Craft at an early age. The attention both had paid to the ceremony evidenced they would prove a credit to Freemasonry. The toast was appropriately responded to by both brethren. The health of the W.M. was proposed; all regretting his absence, and the sad occasion of it. Bro. J. Lazarus P.M. then proposed the health of the acting W.M., Bro. L. J. Salomons, who had so perfectly rendered the ceremony. His genial presidency must not be overlooked. He was always ready to assist the brethren. The toast having been suitably responded to, that of the Visitors was given, and Bro. J. Docker W.M. 1687 returned thanks. Bro. J. Lazarus responded for the Past Masters, and addressed a few appropriate remarks to the newly-initiated brethren, assuring them that by attention and perseverance the highest offices in the Lodge might eventually be attained. The Treasurer and Secretary were next complimented, and Bros. L. Jacobs and E. P. Albert both responded. Bro. J. Syers replied for the Wardens and Officers. Bros. Silvester (Sidney Franks) and Dr. Chandler contributed to the harmony. Bro. Davis Organist presided at the pianoforte.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 29th ult., at the Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury-pavement. Present:—Bros. Groner W.M., Pitt S.W., Shipley J.W., J. L. Mather Preceptor, C. G. Sparrow Secretary, Medwin S.D., Couchman I.G., and many others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Parkin candidate. Bro. Levy answered the usual questions leading to the second degree. Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Button answered the questions leading to the third. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed, Bro. Hutton candidate. Bro. Levy, of the Montefiore Lodge, was elected a member. Bro. Shipley was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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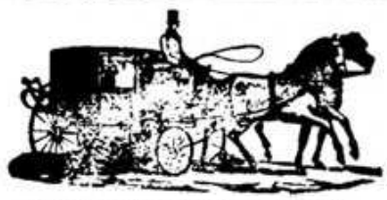
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BROTHER T. MASSA AND THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

IT was only last week we drew attention to the difference that has been so long pending between Brother S. B. Wilson and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Now, both from papers we have received, and from the Notices of Motion which appeared in connection with the Quarterly General Court to be held this day (Saturday), in our Advertisement columns last week, it seems a difference has arisen between the House Committee of the Girls' School and Bro Thomas Massa, who is still, or till quite recently was, Architect to the Institution. The gist of Bro. Massa's complaint, if we understand him aright, is, that the services of a builder had been called into request, in order to design and erect a staircase in the Infirmary; whereas, when in 1871 Bro. Massa's designs for the Infirmary were accepted, one of his plans marked D for a separate staircase, though not carried out, was retained by the Institution. From that period till recently, Bro. Massa has been employed as Architect, and he very naturally feels aggrieved that after his plan had been accepted, and in consideration of his services as Architect, his right to superintend the direction of the staircase should have been overlooked in favour of an outside builder. He justly concludes, that such treatment as this is a slur on his professional reputation, and is the more galling to a sensitive man from the fact, in the Ancient Charges it is enjoined as follows:—"None shall discover envy at the prosperity of a brother, nor supplant him, nor put him out of his work, if he be capable to finish the same; for no man can finish another's work so much to the lord's profit, unless he be thoroughly acquainted with the designs and draughts of him that began it." But there is something worse still. Bro. Massa the Architect having been superseded in favour of a builder, it turns out the builder's design was likely to be a disfigurement to the Infirmary, and the House Committee, instead of falling back on the approved services of Bro. Massa, it seems, are desirous of obtaining the services of a non-Freemason Architect; of one, indeed, who is of necessity an utter stranger to the Craft, and who, as a matter of course, can have no especial claim upon their consideration. This course, it is needless to say, has not tended to improve the relations between the House Committee and Bro. Massa, whose designs for the Infirmary were accepted in 1871, who personally superintended the carrying out of those designs so far as the Committee ordered them to be carried out, who, in the time that has since elapsed, has acted in a professional character in connection with the other additions that have been made to the Schools, is now overlooked altogether and his claims to be employed ignored entirely. We can very well understand that, in the circumstances we have described, any one occupying a similar position would have sound reasons for feeling himself most seriously aggrieved. Bro. Massa tells us he was eleven years with the late Brother S. Barton Wilson, and for the nine years that have elapsed since 1871, when his designs for the Infirmary were accepted in preference to those of the other competing Architects, he has rendered much valuable assistance to the Institution for Girls in his professional capacity. He is now overlooked, and the Committee having tried a builder and found him wanting, consider it is not derogatory to themselves or the Craft generally, to solicit the services of a non-Freemason.

This, as far as we can explain it, is the statement in full detail of the difference which has unfortunately arisen between the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls of the one part, and Bro. Massa of the other. We are far from saying that it is a matter of the same serious proportions as the quarrel between the House Committee of the Boys' School and Bro. Wilson; nor do we think that Bro. Massa, whom, for the sake of convenience we will style the plaintiff, has conducted his side of the case, as Bro. Wilson has done, with a full sense of the respect that was due, not to himself only, but to the Committee likewise, who may be noted down as the defendant party. Bro. Massa's letter of the 23rd ultimo, which was read out at the last meeting of the General Committee, cannot possibly have enhanced the sympathy with him in his present difficulty of those who heard it. Nothing could possibly have been in worse taste than to have mixed up the Lodge of Antiquity, the Editor of the *Freemason*, and the late Grand Treasurer with a difference of the character we have described. Nothing whatever is gained by introducing extraneous matter, or suggesting that certain people have adopted a certain course of conduct, when there would be a serious difficulty, if not an absolute impossibility, in proving it. But if Bro. Massa has been so unwise as to weaken his own case by writing ill-advised letters, it does not alter the circumstances of the dispute, and it strikes us the House Committee are under the impression that all they have to do is to lay down the law, and the rest of the Craft must bow down and accept it. We are far from saying that a Committee has no right to an opinion, but it should have some respect for persons, and especially for those who have done good suit and service to Masonry. We do not want too much of the commercial spirit in the conduct of our Masonic Institutions. If Bro. Massa has worthily done his duty as architect to the Girls' School, then the House Committee have not the shadow of a reason for seeking the assistance of some other member of the profession. Nor have we any desire to see the government of any one of our Institutions conducted in the spirit in which it would be administered by a martinet drill-sergeant. Masons profess to have about them some degree of enlightenment, some little kindliness of spirit, and something which may be set down as a spirit of thankfulness for past services. We shall begin to think that Masonry must be undergoing some change, when we find the House Committee of the Boys' School declining to accept its architect's charges, or his offer to submit those charges to arbitration, and that of the Girls' School superseding its architect—Bro. Massa tells us his appointment as Surveyor to the Infirmary is in writing—in so paltry a matter as the erection of a separate staircase, without condescending to assign any reason for so doing. If the Demon of Discord must of necessity make his appearance occasionally in our Lodges, let us keep him from entering within the sacred precincts of our Charitable Institutions.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445, formerly held on each Monday, at the Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, has been removed to the Moorgate Hotel, Finsbury-pavement, E.C. The first meeting there will be held on Wednesday next, at 7 o'clock sharp. Meetings will be held each Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m., under the Preceptorship of Bro. W. H. Myers P.M. 820 and 1445.

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EARLY AMERICAN LODGES.

By Robert Freke Gould.

BRO. J. H. ESTILL, Master of "Solomon's Lodge," No. 1, Savannah, and Junior Grand Warden of Georgia, claims for the ancient body over which he presides, the distinction of being "the oldest Lodge in America, now in existence."

This contention is very nearly sustainable, but not quite.

The three oldest Lodges in the United States are :—

No.	Lodge	Location	Charter
1.	St. John's	Boston, Mass.	1733
1.	Solomon's	Savannah, Georgia	1735
1.	Solomon's	Charleston, S. Carolina	1735

"St. John's," Boston, was constituted in 1733, and first appeared in the Engraved list of the Grand Lodge of England, in 1734. At the present moment it is one of the most prosperous of American Lodges, and possesses no less than 360 members.

"Solomon's Lodge," Savannah, Georgia, seems to have been constituted by the Grand Lodge of England in 1735, and duly appeared in the Engraved List of the following year.

"Solomon's Lodge," Charleston, South Carolina, was constituted by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in 1735, and *first* appeared on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England in 1761 as No. 251.*

The subjoined table is made up as follows, viz. :—Nos. 65, 74 and 75, are taken from the Engraved List for 1756, and No. 251 from the Engraved List for 1761. All four of these numbers occur in the numeration of 1756-69.

No.	Lodge	Location	Constituted
65.	Royal Exchange	Boston, New England	1733
74.	*Fountain*	*High-st. Bristol* Nov. 12	1735
75.	Savannah	In the Province of Georgia	1735
251.	Solomon's Lodge	Charles Town, S. Carolina	1735

No. 74, which we have seen had been assigned to a Bristol Lodge in 1756, was vacant during 1757-61. In 1762, it was again filled by the promotion of No. 251, "Solomon's Lodge," Charles Town, South Carolina; thus from 1762 onwards, preceding with its *local* charter of 1735, the other and presumably older Solomon's Lodge of Savannah, Georgia, with a *Grand Lodge* warrant of the same year. This fact, however, is unimportant. A vacant niche was available at No. 74 for a Lodge of 1735, and "Solomon's Lodge," South Carolina, was accordingly shifted there from its lower position. The supercession of the *old* No. 75, by the *new* No. 74. has no bearing on the question of the comparative seniority of constitution of the two Lodges. The practice was very common, of allotting a vacant Number to a foreign Lodge which had been late in coming on the roll; and, no doubt, the usage was productive of less confusion than would have resulted from a partial closing-up of numbers. "St. John's" Lodge, Boston, is unquestionably the oldest Masonic body on the North American Continent. "Solomon's" Lodge, No. 1 Georgia, has clearly the *second* place on the roll of precedence, and the other "Solomon's" Lodge of South Carolina, makes a good *third*. It is, of course, open to discussion, whether No. 1 Georgia, or No. 1 South Carolina was first established. But as the former appeared in the English official list of Lodges, for an entire quarter of a century, before its supremacy as an Anglo-American Lodge of 1735 was challenged, I think that the *local* Lodge claiming as of the same year, must be content to rank *with*, but *after*, the original "Solomon's" Lodge of Savannah, Georgia.

* See "Four Old Lodges," pp 57 and 59.

BANQUET TO THE DISTRICT GRAND MASTER (E.C.).

THE brethren of the District Grand Lodge of Auckland E.C., gave a banquet, on 22nd January, to Bro. W. S. Graham, on the occasion of his return from a tour in England.

THE DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

WE are glad to note the successful progress of this youthful Masonic Charity. The annual general meeting was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on Tuesday, 5th instant, Bro. R. Lose P.M. P.P.G.P. occupied the chair, and among the numerous brethren present were Bros. Vincent Bird Hon. Treasurer and J. B. Gover Hon. Secretary of the Fund, J. Treeby, Samuel Jew, J. B. Westlake, James Beard, &c. After confirmation of the minutes of various meetings, Bro. S. Jew and Richard Cawsey were elected auditors. Bros. Bird and Gover were re-elected Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary respectively. Bros. Rich. Lose, G. R. Barrett and W. E. Warren were appointed the Finance Committee; and Bros. W. Derry, J. E. Curteis, W. E. Elphinstone Stone, J. Brewer. S. Jones, S. Jew, J. Tanner-Davy, J. Treeby, J. Russell Lord, J. Loram, Jas. Murray, D. Cross, S. Hyne, A. R. Lethbridge, R. L. Blight, G. Firks and J. Kinton Bond the Educational and General Purposes Committee. The Treasurer's report, which was submitted and adopted, showed a balance in hand of slightly over £20, while in that of the Secretary it was stated that all the children on the Fund were making satisfactory progress and bid fair to prove a credit to the Charity. The Committee then proceeded to the election of candidates, having first of all, however, appointed Bros. S. Jew, J. Lynn, and O. Knowles Scrutineers. It was originally intended to elect two of the approved candidates, but a further vacancy having been caused by the election of one of the children on the Fund to the London School, it was determined that three should be chosen. The result of the ballot was as follows :—Ethel Wharton 234 votes; Rose Mary Northy 205 votes; Isabella Florence Rowe 204 votes; Francis Walter Spry 127 votes; and Utinia Annie Rawle 27 votes. Accordingly, the first three were declared elected, while the votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to their credit at the next election. Votes of thanks were unanimously passed to Bro. Lose for having presided so admirably, to Bros. V. Bird and J. B. Gover for their efficient services in the respective capacities of Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary, and to Bros. S. Jew, J. Lynn, and O. Knowles, for having so faithfully discharged their duties as Scrutineers. It will be seen from this account that, though the Devon Masonic Educational Fund is, as it were, but of yesterday's planting, it has acquired a strength and substance beyond even what the most hopeful of our Devonian brethren could have anticipated. We trust its future career will fully realise the satisfactory promise of its earliest days.

We have received, and beg to acknowledge with thanks, several copies of the "Catalogue of the Masonic Publishing and Furnishing Company's Ninth Semi-Annual Sale" of "Standard and Rare Masonic Books, Pamphlets, Magazines, Addresses, &c." The sale will take place on the Company's premises, 43 Bleecker Street, New York, on Thursday, the 19th May. Those who cannot attend in person may have their orders attended to by Messrs. J. G. Barker, 43 Bleecker Street; John Hoole, 23 Christopher Street; A. P. Moriarty, Room 51, Astor House; Daniel Sickels or John V. Simons, Rooms 65 and 66 Astor House; S. W. E. Beckner, 737 Broadway; Rob. Macoy, 4 Barclay Street; P. O. Anderson, 200 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.; or S. Stacker Williams, Newark, Ohio. The catalogue comprises 500 lots, embracing every description of Masonic literature, many of the works offered being of considerable value. We shall be happy to furnish a copy of this catalogue to any of our readers who may wish to have one.

Bro. Purkiss, P.M. Finsbury Park Lodge, will take possession of the Royal Music Hall (late Weston's) on Monday night. On that occasion Bros. Meekham, G. Fredericks, Spiller, and Crowder, will occupy the chair in turn, and numerous other friends have promised Bro. Purkiss their support. We wish him every success in his new undertaking.

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DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF MALTA.

THE Half-yearly Communication of this District Grand Lodge was held, under the banner of the Union of Malta Lodge, at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, on the 29th March. Present:—Right Worshipful Bro. W. Kingston District Grand Master (on the throne), Very Worshipful Bro. the Rev. E. Rosenbusch Deputy District Grand Master, R. Wor. W. K. R. Bedford Past Grand Chaplain of England, and a very large number of brethren from the various Lodges in the District, as well as numerous visiting brethren. District Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the roll of District Grand Officers and of private Lodges in the District was called. The business on the agenda paper having been disposed of, the District Grand Master appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year. A magnificent sword, presented by the District Grand Master in September last, was on this occasion used for the first time, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to District Grand Master for his handsome present. Two addresses to the District Grand Master from the Ancient Carthage and William Kingston Lodges, at Tunis and Goletta, as well as letters and telegrams from the same part of the District, wishing District Grand Lodge a continuance of the prosperity enjoyed by it, were read. The District Grand Master acknowledged the vote of thanks, the addresses and communications, in a brief but well-chosen speech, and then closed District Grand Lodge in the usual manner.

The ceremonies of installation and consecration will be rehearsed at the Faith Lodge of Instruction, No. 141, at the Restaurant, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., on Tuesday, the 10th May, at seven o'clock precisely, by Bro. James Terry P.P.G.W. Herts, and P.M. 228, 1278, and 1366, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. F. Rhodes P.M. No. 1328 P.P. Grand Organist Surrey. Refreshments will be served at nine o'clock, tickets for which may be had from the Stewards, or of the Honorary Secretary, Bro. A. Bassington P.M. 205, 41 Chester-square, W.C.

The Lodge of Instruction under the sanction of the Joppa, No. 188, has for some years past been in abeyance; many of the members of that distinguished Lodge, however, are taking steps to put it again in working order, and we are informed that in the course of a few days all preliminary arangements will be completed.

It is purely an oversight on our part that we did not last week offer our congratulations to Dr. Morris, Head Master of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and his coadjutors in the educational department, on the success achieved by "Our Boys," at the Cambridge Examination, Christmas 1880. Three presented themselves in the Senior Division, and all of them were awarded honours, H. B. Brock being placed in the second class, and A. X. Stephenson and E. L. Price in the third class. Of the sixteen who submitted themselves for examination in the Junior Division, five took honours in the first class, two in the second, and six in the third; while the remaining three passed the standard prescribed by the Examiners. Such a result as this must be eminently satisfactory to the authorities of the Institution and to the Craft generally, and proves that the endeavours of Dr. Morris and his staff to improve the educational standard of the School have been successful beyond measure.

The Mediterranean Mark Lodge, No. 278, will be consecrated at Gibraltar, on Thursday, 28th April, by W. Bro. Thos. J. Pulley P.M. P.G.S. Prov. Grand Secretary Berks and Oxon, who has received the authority of the Most Worshipful G.M.M.M., the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, for that purpose. By a very singular coincidence the number of the new Mark Lodge happens to correspond with the Craft Lodge and R.A. Chapter with which it will be connected—viz., 278. We understand that a new Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, to be moored to the Gibraltar Mark Lodge, No. 43, will also be consecrated by Bro. Pulley during his visit to the Rock.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

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THE PROVINCES AND THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—If Bro. Taylor will refer to my previous letter, he will find that the tables only profess to go to the end of 1880—the date to which the official lists are made up. I have checked the lists for Worcestershire again, but do not find any mistake; so I presume that he is alluding to votes in respect of contributions paid during the present year, or from brethren not resident in the Province, and who are, therefore, included under some other locality. If either of these suppositions be correct, I cannot admit his claim. Doubtless most of the Provinces have increased their voting power during the present year, or have friends non-resident, but a moment's reflection will show that the only fair way is not to travel beyond the official lists.

I am, however, very pleased to hear that Worcestershire is still advancing. In the last three years it has risen on the Girls' list from 28th to 8th, on the Boys' from 25th to 7th, and on the United from 27th to 9th.

I may mention that I had credited Lodges, &c., as follows:—Prov. Grand Priory, 2; St. Amand Preceptory, 4; Richard de Vernon Preceptory, 1; St. Dunstan Chapter 18°, 2; Leohmere Lodge (Mark), 2.

Fraternally yours,

A PAST MASTER.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I read with much interest the tabular statements which appeared a fortnight since, showing the voting strength of each Province, and the average number of votes per Lodge in respect of our Schools, as well as the number of children who enjoy the benefits thereof. Is it not a pity that something cannot be done in order to place similar information before the Craft in respect of the Benevolent Institution? I know the list of subscribers, as published annually, renders the task a somewhat difficult one, but there are many Provinces which know the voting powers they possess to a single vote. If, then, particulars were obtained from these, it ought not to be very difficult to complete the table for the whole of the Provinces.

Fraternally yours,

STATIST.

THE ATTENDANCE OF PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I see from the report you published last week of the election meeting of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602, that "there were no Past Masters present, but the work, which consisted of a passing and two raisings, was excellently rendered." Knowing, as I do, several of the members of this Lodge, I am not at all surprised your reporter should have remarked on the excellency of the work, but how was it all the P.M.'s were absent? Could not one of them have found time to put in an appearance? I hear this is not the first time they have all been away on the same evening, but though a very large share of the credit for the manner in which the work is always done belongs, of course, to them, they would deserve still better of the Lodge if some among them made a point of being present, especially on election nights. Perhaps the prevalence of the east wind has had the effect of detaining them indoors.

Fraternally yours,

E. VAN DONOP.

A MASONIC GIFT.—Alderman J. Naish, who is the father of the Craft in the city of Winchester, sent on Wednesday evening, by Bro. Stopher P.M. and Treasurer, a deed of gift to the Lodge of Economy, No. 76, whereby he gives the brethren thirty fully paid-up shares in the Masonic Hall Company, which have for some time borne a fair and increasing interest, and he desires the interest on this £60 to be thus disposed of. It is first to be offered to the W.M. of the Lodge to aid in purchasing a Life-Governorship (five guineas) in either the Boys' or Girls' Schools. Should the W.M. decline to accept the interest, subject to making the sum up to five guineas, it is to be offered in turn to the Wardens, and failing their acceptance (a most unlikely contingency), the Lodge will become the possessor of the privilege, which will form a permanent memorial of a good Mason. The liberality of Bro. Naish is to be recognised by a vote of thanks on vellum.

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REVIEWS.

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The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for Leicestershire and Rutland, 1881. Ninth Year of Publication. Comprising a Calendar for the year 1881, and the month of January 1882, the meetings of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, the Anniversary Festivals and the Meeting of the Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, and other Masonic Bodies in the Province. To which are added Lists of Officers for the year, also Lists of Lodges in the adjoining Provinces of Warwickshire, Norths and Hunts, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, and Staffordshire; and other Masonic Information. Published by authority of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Grand Lodge. Compiled by Brother Samuel S. Partridge P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Provincial Grand Secretary.

We are glad to find the practice of publishing Calendars for the different Provinces is on the increase. It is only by means of such useful compilations as these that we are enabled to gauge the real strength of Masonry in this country, and we should very much like to see them generally adopted. Leicestershire and Rutland, albeit, as regards the numerical strength of its Lodges and members, it is one of the smallest among our Provinces, is very far from being the least mindful of its duties. Its Lodges are attentive to their work, thanks to the interest taken by its Provincial Grand Master, Earl Ferrers, and his predecessor, Bro. W. Kelly. It freely supports our Institutions, and what is still more unusual, it has a very fair library at Leicester. Under these circumstances, it is not to be wondered at that this Province should for some years past have been in the habit of issuing a Calendar, that in the period of its issue such Calendar should have been greatly improved, and that now in its ninth year of publication, it exhibits a completeness which is in the highest degree creditable to Bro. S. S. Partridge Prov. G. Secretary, on whom has devolved the task of compiling it. As to the contents, we note, in the first place, that the Calendar embraces a period of fourteen months, it being found impossible, or, at all events, impolitic, to issue it before the month of February. Then each month of the year is provided with two pages, in the first of which are entered against the days of each month the meetings which take place on them, while the other is left clear for the entry of engagements. Lists of the Officers of Grand Lodge of England and the Prov. G. Lodge respectively follow, and then a table chronologically arranged, of the chief events which have occurred in the Province during the period from 1870 to 1880 inclusive. The next lists are of those of the Prov. Grand Lodge Committee of General Purposes, and the Charity Committee of Prov. Grand Lodge. The list of Craft Lodges, with the dates of constitution, followed by nominal lists the Officers and Past Masters, together with particulars as to their respective places of meeting, and the number of subscribing members on the respective rolls, are given as of course, and then full particulars of the Prov. Grand Chapter with its subordinate Chapters, of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge and its subordinate Lodges, with a list of the Officers of the Byzantine Conclave of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine. After the list of Lodges, Craft and Mark, and Chapters, &c., comes one of Officers of the Leicester Library Committee. We have a brief *résumé* of particulars of each of the central Masonic Institutions; and lastly, a statement showing the character of the Leicestershire and Rutland Masonic Charity Association, together with a table, in which is exhibited the full voting strength of the Province. From these it appears that the object of the Association, which was established only two years ago, is to increase the number of Life Subscribers to the three Central Charities. An annual subscription of one guinea and upwards constitutes membership, and at the end of five years—or earlier still in the event of his name being drawn at one of the half-yearly ballots—each member becomes a Life Subscriber to one of the three Charities. It has at the present time 124 members, and in the two years of its existence has given ninety-five guineas to the Girls' School, a hundred and fifty-five guineas to the Boys' School, and sixty guineas to the Benevolent, making together a total of three hundred and ten guineas (£325 10s). We learn, further, that during the past four years the Province has given to the Girls' School, £117 11s; to the Boys' School, £142 8s 6d, and to the Benevolent, £156 17s, or together £1216 16s 6d. This represents the sums actually paid up to the 31st December 1880, sums voted, but not paid, being excluded. From statistics which appeared in our contemporary in May of last year it seems this Province stood 27th on the Girls' School list in respect of the support awarded by it to that Institution, and 15th on that of the Boys' School. From the letter of a "Past Master" which appeared in our issue for the week ended 20th March, and the tabular statements he furnished, it appears that Leicestershire and Rutland up to the close of 1880 stood 23rd on the Girls' School list, and 11th on that of the Boys', while, taking the two together, it stood 19th, with an average of 30½ votes per Lodge. This is a matter on which the Province has reason to congratulate itself. We will add that the total of subscribing members in the Province is 457, which gives an average in excess of forty-five members per Lodge. The total votes the Province has for the three Institutions together amount to 147, namely, 107 for the R.M.I.G.; 188 to the R.M.I.B.; 77 to the Male Fund and 75 to the Female Fund of the R.M.I.B. But as there are two elections for each of the Schools, the actual voting power which Leicestershire and Rutland can bring to bear is 712 votes. In conclusion we congratulate the Province, and especially Bro. Partridge Prov. G. Secretary, the compiler, on having so admirable a Masonic Calendar and Directory—one which contains so much useful information, and on the compilation of which so much pains has evidently been bestowed.

Masonic Calendar and Official Directory for the Province of Wiltshire, Issued with the sanction of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Lord Methuen. Edited by William Nott P.M. 663, P.Z. 632, &c., Provincial Grand Registrar.

This is the first year of issue, and consequently some allowance must be made in the case of any errors having crept in. The difficulties which any one who undertakes the publication of a book of this description is sure to experience can only be appreciated by those who have had to deal with similar tasks. The work looks so simple when it is done that people feel inclined to suggest that any one might venture upon it. But the collection of particulars from several different sources involves no end of trouble. However, Bro. Nott appears to have worked with a will, and presents his book on a well-arranged plan, such as entitles him to the heartiest commendation of the Masons of Wiltshire. As the particulars he furnishes are very similar to those contained in the Leicestershire and Rutland Directory, we need not revise them so fully. The Calendar extends over thirteen months, from January 1881 to January 1882 inclusive, the additional month being given because so many of the Installation Meetings take place in December and January, and Bro. Nott was anxious that the list of Officers should be as complete as possible. No blank pages, however, are furnished for the engagements. After the lists of Grand Officers of England and Prov. G. Officers for Wiltshire, and the Roll of Lodges—ten in number—with their respective dates of Constitution and places of meeting, come the nominal lists of Officers and Past Masters for each Lodge, the number of subscribing members, date of Installation Meeting, and the address of the Secretary being added in each case. Similar particulars are furnished in respect of Royal Arch and Mark Masonry, dates of constitution, which are not contained in the Leicestershire and Rutland Directory, being also given. The Central Masonic Charities having received their due share of attention, and all necessary particulars as to subscriptions, income, expenditure, and the number of beneficiaries furnished by the Provincial Charity Organisation and Benevolent Fund, is fully described. First is given a list of the Committee and Lodge Representatives, and then the rules of the Association as they were adopted at the Prov. Grand Lodge held at Marlborough in October of last year. The objects of this Benevolent Fund are stated as being four in number, namely, (*a*) The Relief of aged or necessitous brethren of the Province or their indigent widows; (*b*) the relief, education, and advancement of the children of the Freemasons of the Province; (*c*) the support of the general Masonic Charities, subject to the approval of the Prov. Grand Lodge; and (*d*) Masonic Benevolent and Charitable purposes generally. The rules give particulars as to membership, arrangements for carrying on the business of the Fund, the manner in which application should be made, and the character of the information, &c., to be furnished in support of the petition, &c., &c. There is also a Report as to the proceedings during the year preceding, as presented to the P. Grand Lodge on 28th October 1880, recording what was done in the way of supporting the Wiltshire candidates for the Girls' School. This Report is followed by a Table of the votes for the three Charities possessed by Lodges and individual members, from which it appears that with a total membership in the province of 443 brethren, Wiltshire was able to exercise a voting power in 1880 of 1132 votes, including, of course, those cast at the October, as well as April, elections for both Schools. This completes the Calendar, which we trust will henceforward make its appearance regularly every year.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. V.P. (in the chair), George J. Row, W. Roebuck, H. W. Hunt, W. Puas, F. W. Ramsay, S. Rosenthal, Alfred Williams, S. Rawson, John Constable, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D. (Head Master), C. H. Webb, Richard Tyrrell, H. Massey, A. J. Duff-Filer, W. Maple, Geo. P. Gillard, W. H. Saunders, F. Adlard, Don. M. Dewar, John Palmer, George Cooper, Thomas Meggy, and F. Binckes Secretary. Two boys were placed on the list for election in October. The Secretary announced that in consequence of three candidates being withdrawn, there would be seventy-three instead of seventy-six candidates for the twenty vacancies at the election next Monday. Some information having been received in respect to another candidate, a decision on the case was deferred for further information; Bro. Saunders thereupon again brought forward his proposition for making the inquiries as to the means of candidates' friends more searching. Bro. Binckes suggested a form of declaration as to pecuniary means at the end of the petition. Two outfits of £5 each were granted to ex-pupils. Bro. Binckes informed the Committee that the following were the notices of motion for the Quarterly Court on Monday next:—

1. By Bro. Thomas Entwisle, Vice-President, per Bro. C. F. Matier:—

To alter Law LV., by inserting after the word "livelihood" (at the end of Law) the words "in any of which cases, *except that of sudden death*, the father must have been a subscribing member to a Lodge for three years."

2. By Bro. A. J. Duff-Filer, Vice-Patron:—

In Law LXXII. (authorising a grant of money by the General Committee to a boy having left the Institution) to erase the words "twenty pounds" in line 2, and in lieu thereof to insert the words "forty pounds."

3. By resolution of the General Committee, on the recommendation of the House and Building Committee:—

That the House and Building Committee be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £700 in the enlargement of the Gymnasium, &c., rendered necessary by the increase in the number of boys from 100 to 215.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 22.

THE final meeting of the season in connection with this old and historic Lodge, prior to breaking up for the recess, was held on Thursday evening, 31st ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a large attendance of brethren and visitors, amongst the latter being representatives of Australian and African Lodges. The brethren assembled shortly before five o'clock, and immediately proceeded to constitute the Lodge, which was opened in accordance with the usages of the Craft, by the esteemed Worshipful Master Bro. George Britton, who was supported by Bros. John Harper, Ph. D., S.W., John James Slater J.W., Isaac Wilcox P.M. Treas., T. R. Eames P.M. Hon. Sec., Henry Povey S.D., R. W. Conlcher J.D., W. Cook I.G., E. F. P.M. Storr D.C., W. J. Neats W.S., Parkinson Tyler. Visitors—Bros. Tymms (P.G. Lodge of Griqualand, Africa), E. W. Shove and L. Holden (formerly of the Neptune Lodge), James B. Hannay, Alexander Walker, P. Shove (South Australia), W. Eldridge Johnson. After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, Lodge was advanced, and Bros. Vane and Stanton, having been proved worthy, were raised to the sublime degree by the W.M., who acquitted himself admirably, the impressive rite being performed with all the requisite accuracy and precision. Subsequently Bro. V. Walker was passed, this ceremony being also admirably carried out; and the brethren then occupied some time in the consideration of a report from the committee appointed at the last meeting to consider the revision of certain rules, and upon which, after considerable discussion, an amicable agreement was effected. Some formal business having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-hall, where a sumptuous repast was served in Messrs. Ritter and Clifford's best style, the arrangements, under the personal direction of Bro. Henry Mills, giving unqualified satisfaction. Dessert having been placed upon the tables, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and duly honoured. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Collings I.P.M., the health of the Wor. Master was proposed by Bro. Isaac Wilcox P.M. Treas., who spoke in felicitous terms of the manner in which Bro. Britton had worked the ceremonies in Lodge that evening. It afforded him sincere pleasure to see their esteemed Worshipful Master so apt and so painstaking in the discharge of his important and onerous duties, and he felt that the great gratification he experienced must be shared by all who had witnessed the ability, care and judgment which Bro. Britton had displayed. The Wor. Master, who on rising to respond was greeted with rounds of applause, thanked the brethren for the cordiality with which they had again received the mention of his name, and assured them that no effort should be wanting on his part to maintain the prestige which the old Neptune Lodge had deservedly enjoyed for so many years. He trusted that his progress thus far in the exalted position to which, by the kindness of the brethren, he had been elected, had given them satisfaction, and they might depend he should so endeavour to advance the interests of the Lodge as to hand down the insignia of his office to his successor with lustre undimmed and the credit of the Lodge not diminished. He then proposed the health of the Visitors, alluding with especial pleasure to the presence amongst them of two representatives of colonial Lodges, whom they were all pleased and proud to receive. The Visitors severally responded, each expressing the gratification they had derived from the opportunity which had been afforded them of witnessing such excellent working in the Lodge, and participating in the unstinted hospitality which had been extended to them at the festive board. The W. Master, in giving the health of the Past Masters, said, if the working of the Lodge was at all excellent, it was in a great measure due to the counsel and assistance which they had received from those who had passed the chair. He confessed that in some matters that had come under discussion that evening he could not go all the way with them, but he believed they did everything they possibly could to advance the true interests of the Lodge. It was perhaps just as well they could not see eye to eye in everything, for if they did their proceedings might become monotonous. However, they had all the same object in view—the welfare of the good old Neptune Lodge, and he trusted the harmony and good feeling which at present pervaded the brethren might long continue to exist. Bro. James Norman P.M., in responding, said it afforded the Past Masters some consolation to feel that when they had passed away they would be followed by shining lights who would well sustain the reputation of this good old Lodge. With such an excellent W. Master as they possessed, and looking at the Senior Warden, who he hoped to see in due time in that high position, there were elements of great prosperity for the Lodge; and he believed, if he was spared, he should have much enjoyment in seeing the working of their present Worshipful Master, and their "rising sun." Both were actuated by a right principle, and he felt sure they would try and emulate the example of those who had preceded them in the chair. He could recollect when a phalanx of Past Masters mustered at that end of the table, but many of them had passed away to the Grand Lodge above. Their hearts were warm in the cause, not of the Neptune Lodge in particular, but of the Craft in general; and he was pleased beyond measure to discern that those who were coming after were imbued with the same spirit. Bro. L. Holden P.M. also replied. As one who had helped in the resuscitation of this Lodge, many years ago, he could carry the memory back over the last thirty years; he was proud to see that the present rulers of the Lodge were animated by the same zeal and desire to promote its welfare as when he had the honour of filling the chair, now so worthily occupied by their excellent Brother Britton. Though he was almost an octogenarian, he could recall the time when he never failed to obey a summons sent to him at the time he was a subscribing member of the Neptune Lodge, and he hoped every brother who joined it would endeavour to make it *par excellence* one of the best working Lodges in the Craft. In his time the discipline of the Lodge was perfect, and he sincerely trusted it would remain so under the guidance of its present rulers. The Worshipful Master next gave the health of their Treasurer and Hon. Secretary, whose valuable services to the Lodge he warmly extolled. Bro. Isaac Wilcox thanked the Worshipful Master for the compliment he had paid to his colleague and himself. He had so many times acknowledged such kindly remarks during the last quarter of a century that he scarcely knew how to clothe in fresh and vigorous language his deep appreciation of their kindness. It was a source of pleasure and gratification to work with men like their Worshipful Master, who endeavoured to the best of his ability to discharge his duties in connection with the Lodge. As long as they had brethren who would take upon themselves responsibilities and discharge them as Bro. Britton had done, the Neptune Lodge would sustain its prestige. When he looked at the other end of the room and saw a brother like their Senior Warden, who, he was sure, was most anxious to discharge the duties which devolved upon him, it spoke volumes for the continued prosperity of the Lodge. It was a pleasure also to see so many brethren who had passed the chair with honour to themselves and credit to the Lodge, and he hoped, as had been mooted by Bro. Norman, that when some of the elders were called upon to resign their duties in this Lodge, and were called away to another sphere, they might feel that those who should come after would support and sustain in every way the interest and welfare of this Lodge. It had always been a source of pleasure to him (Bro. Wilcox) to find so many brethren giving their earnest attention and anxiety to support and sustain the position the Lodge had so long enjoyed in the Craft. He believed no Lodge stood higher in its working than did this one, and he trusted the brethren would give faithful, loyal, and zealous support to the excellent Master who filled the chair. Bro. T. R. Eames P.M. and Honorary Secretary also briefly replied, assuring the brethren of his continued interest in the Lodge, and advising the younger members to exercise all diligence and caution in fitting themselves for the higher positions they might at some future time be called upon to occupy. The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of the Officers of the Lodge, and acknowledged the very valuable assistance he always received at their hands. Bro. John Harper S.W. rose with much pleasure to return thanks for the toast so kindly proposed by the W. Master. He agreed with everything which Brother Britton had said respecting his anxiety for the welfare of the Neptune Lodge, and that it should be equal in its excellence of working in the future to what it had been in the past. So far as the Officers were concerned, they would undoubtedly do their best to emulate the example which had been so nobly set them by the Past Masters, and to follow in their footsteps. It was most gratifying to see them there that evening, and to hear the sentiments they had expressed. Nothing would give him greater pleasure than to see, as time rolled on, the Neptune Lodge sustaining the high character it had hitherto held in the Craft. He had no idea, when he took the chair, there was so much to learn; if he had realised it at the time, he thought he should have shrunk from the responsibility. But he now began to love Masonry far more intensely than he had ever done before. The beauty of the ritual was such that he should strain every effort to become perfect in it, not only for the task itself, but for the honour of the Lodge. He cordially echoed the sentiments which had been expressed; the Officers were all anxious to keep up the reputation of the Lodge so that it should be second to none in the Craft. The official list was then closed with the Tyler's toast, and shortly afterwards the company separated. During the evening some excellent songs were rendered, notably amongst which were "The Lord Mayor's Coachman," by Brother H. Povey, and "Impecuniosity," by the Senior Warden, both of which were lustily encored. Brother E. S. Hopper lent efficient aid as accompanyist on the pianoforte.

ROTHESAY LODGE, No. 1687.

A REGULAR meeting of the above took place on the 6th instant, at the Inns of Court Hotel. J. B. Docker W.M., J. Crossland S.W., Duret J.W., L. Beck P.M. Treas. P.P.G.O. Middlesex, F. V. Green acting Sec., B. Swallow P.M. P.P.G.S.D Middlesex W.S., F. Green J.D., Valeriani I.G., Wallis Assist. W.S., Berrow Organist. Visitors—Bros. G. B. Festa 834, J. Foster 1714, G. P. Gillard W.M. 1597, Denford 1158, Carrington 1791, Scott P.M. 749, W. Emdin W.M. 1261, T. De Leliva 1426, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Gros was passed to the second degree. Bros. Thorne, Joseph, and Colepepper were raised. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. Crossland S.W. was unanimously selected. On being officially informed of his appointment, he made a very appropriate speech. Bro. L. Beck P.M. P.P.G.O. Middlesex was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Potter Tyler. Bros. Mole, Smith, and Booth were elected auditors. Bro. L. Beck P.M. and Treasurer proposed that a sum of ten guineas be given from the funds of the Lodge for the purpose of presenting the retiring W.M. with a gold Past Master's jewel, and also a Past Master's collar, for the able and efficient manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair. This was carried unanimously. Bro. Austin was proposed as a joining member; two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting. Lodge was then closed until October. The brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet and dessert. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Brother L. Beck P.M. had great pleasure in proposing the toast of the Wor. Master. This was the last time he should have the pleasure of doing so. Every one had seen, during his year of office, how he had performed the duties of the chair; the working was perfect, and his presiding showed that every detail required of him was fully appreciated. He asked them to give Bro. Docker a right royal Rothesay fire. The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked Bro. Beck for his kind remarks. At his election to office he promised to do his duty during his year of office; as one of the Founders of the Lodge, his duty and his zeal for their comfort would be at their

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command. The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of the Visitors; he was pleased to see them, and so was every member of the Lodge. He would call on Bros. Emdin and Gillard, as W.M.'s, and Bros. Scott and H. M. Levy, as Past Masters, to respond. Each of these brethren, in returning thanks, complimented the Worshipful Master on his able working and excellent presidency. The Worshipful Master next proposed the toast of the Past Masters; there were three. Bro. Beck was the father of the Lodge, and he would call on him to respond. Bro. L. Beck was pleased to say he was really the only Past Master of the Lodge. True, there were other Past Masters who had fulfilled the duties of Secretary, &c., but he was proud to say he was the first Worshipful Master. He hoped to continue in the capacity of Past Master and Treasurer for many years. The Worshipful Master then said he had great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M. elect; in selecting him the members placed the right man in the right place. The brethren were assured that during his year of office Bro. Crossland would do good service to the Lodge. One and all might be proud of him, as, by the manner in which he had filled each junior office there could be no doubt that as Worshipful Master he would be a credit to the Lodge. Bro. Crossland W.M. elect replied; that night was a great epoch in his history; to be elected W.M. of this excellent Lodge was indeed an honour. He felt diffidence in following in the footsteps of so worthy a predecessor as their Worshipful Master; in fact, no better Master could be found in any Lodge. The Visitors had truly said, after they had watched his working, he was letter perfect. In speaking to the toast of the Officers, the Worshipful Master said without their able assistance the Lodge could not so have prospered; he would call on the Junior Warden, Bro. Duret, to respond. Bro. Duret felt pleased to hear the encomiums passed on him; he sincerely trusted he had given satisfaction. If they felt he had done his duty it was pleasing to him to hear it. During the evening the brethren enjoyed a great musical treat by the charming singing of Miss Beck—a daughter of Bro. L. Beck P.M.—who was deservedly *encored* in her several songs. Bro. Green jun. and several other brethren likewise contributed to the harmony, while Bro. Berrow, the Organist of the Lodge, not only sang himself, but accompanied on the piano the other vocalists. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren separated.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Thursday, 31st March. Present—Bros. N. P. Vallentine W.M., H. J. Phillips S.W., Ward J.D., Paton I.G., Webb Preceptor, L. Norden, and other brethren. Lodge was opened with usual formalities. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Mesquito acting as candidate. Bro. L. Norden worked the first, Bro. Vallentine the fourth, and Bro. G. H. Stephens the fifth sections of the lecture. Bro. Webb proposed, and Bro. Norden seconded, that Bro. G. H. Stephens be invited to work the Fifteen Sections, on the fourth Thursday in April. Bro. Stephens kindly accepted the invitation. Lodge was closed in due form.

Joppa Lodge, No. 188.—The regular meeting was held on the 4th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Bros. R. Baker W.M., L. M. Myers S.W., J. Benjamin J.W., J. S. Lyon Treas., E. P. Albert Secretary, N. Baum J.D., G. Bean as I.G., L. Wall Steward, A. G. Dodson P.M. D.C., P.M.'s L. Alexander, H. M. Levy, M. Alexander, L. Lazarus, S. Hickman, &c. Visitors—B. Kauffmann 1732, N. Vallentine 1017, Johnson 1541, K. Ljunberg, G. Nightingale 193, T. Harmer 1216, C. F. Hogard P.M. 205, G. J. Earney 511, R. G. Thomas Organist 1602, Greenbaum 212, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211. Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. S. Lion, H. Lyon and Vicary were passed to the second degree. Bros. Hicks, Hobman, Harrison, Midgley, Gundlach and Isaacson were raised. Great credit is due to the W.M. for the excellent manner in which he performed the ceremonies. His rendering of the traditional history was very impressive. Bro. L. Alexander proposed, and it was seconded and carried unanimously, that the W.M. for the time being be the President of the Benevolent Fund. The resignation of a Brother, in consequence of inability to attend, was accepted with regret. This brother kindly sent the sum of 21s as a donation to the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge. After routine business, and a discussion on some proposed alterations in the Bye-laws, a distressed brother was relieved. Lodge was closed and "slight" refreshment followed. The toasts were done full justice to, and the proceedings were enlivened by songs, recitations, &c.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 5th April, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Edwards W.M., Clark S.W., Christian J.W., Catlin S.D., Glass J.D., Dignam I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, P.M. Wallington Preceptor, Smyth Treasurer; also Bros. Brasted, Collins, Williams, Forss, Polak, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Collins acting as candidate. Bro. Forss worked the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Clark was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which the W.M. had performed the duties of the chair, it being the first time he had occupied the same in any Lodge. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471.—The usual weekly meeting of this Chapter was held at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, on Thursday, the 31st March. Comps. Cusworth M.E.Z., Braine H., Hunter J., Osborne S.E. Sheffield S.N., Parkes P.S., Edmonds Preceptor, Halford Treasurer; also Comps. Moss, Gilham, Weston, Pearcy, and others. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Pearcy acting as candidate. A Companion who had joined the Chapter on a previous evening stated, although long living in the neighbourhood, he was until lately unaware of its existence. It was resolved to issue circulars, calling the attention of the Chapters in London to its advantages, which would conduce to the advancement of all newly-exalted R.A. Masons should they be enabled to attend this suburban Chapter of Improvement. The Chapter was then closed and adjourned to Thursday, the 7th April, at eight o'clock p.m.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—Meeting at Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, W., on Thursday, 31st ult. Present—Bros. F. Botley W.M., A. Jones S.W., C. E. Botley J.W., Wilkinson S.D., J. J. Gunner J.D., T. Smith I.G., H. E. Tucker Preceptor; also Bros. Mitchell, Fisher, Green, H. Kasner P.M., Sugg W.M. 452. Lodge was opened up to the third degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Fisher candidate. Lodge was closed to first degree, and Bro. A. Jones was elected W.M. for the meeting on Thursday, 14th April, as Thursday, 7th, will be the meeting next preceding the meeting of the West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612, when the Officers, according to custom, are expected to take their respective places in the Lodge of Instruction. Lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned.

Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839.—The regular meeting of this new and flourishing Lodge was held on the 31st inst. at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Bro. T. C. Corpe W.M., Dr. Bott S.W., Smith jun. J.W., Dewsnap Treas., J. W. Brooke I.P.M. Sec., Stokes S.D., Dr. Wilkins J.D., Smith sen. I.G., Furze W.S., and Bros. Cox, Cattermole, Da Silva, &c. Visitor—H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the former regular, and of an emergency meeting, were confirmed. Mr. J. R. H. Miller was balloted for and duly initiated into the Order. The W.M. gave the brethren a taste of his quality in the way he delivered the lecture on the tracing board of the second degree; while his rendering of the Six Periods of Creation especially received the deserved encomiums of those present. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. Dawkins. The W.M. eloquently proposed the toasts, and complimentary speeches were in the ascendant. Several of the brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening.

Wallington Lodge, No. 1892.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 31st ultimo, at 4.30 p.m., at the Public Hall, Carshalton. Present—Bros. Sawyer W.M., Horsey S.W., Pile J.W., Russell Crowe Treasurer, Dickman S.D., Baldwin J.D., Carder I.G., Harwood W.S. Visitors—Bros. Rev. J. A. Taylor and W. H. Rawson. The first business was the discussion of a notice of motion by Bro. Horsey, "That the meetings of this Lodge be held on the third Thursdays of the months named in the warrant, instead of the second Thursdays as therein stated." This was carried unanimously. The following brethren were elected members of the Wallington Lodge:—Bros. S. P. Catterson, Davis, Crowe, Falkes, Leon A. Mesrouze, G. C. Barry, W. P. Catterson, G. Filmer. Bro. Mesrouze was then appointed and invested by the W.M. as Secretary of the Lodge. The ballot was taken for Messrs. James Edwards, draper, Wallington, and C. P. Maspero, veterinary surgeon, Carshalton; also for Mr. A. Rowley, of Carshalton (by dispensation to act as a serving brother), as candidates for initiation. This having proved unanimous, these three candidates were duly initiated. The bye-laws were then read and passed, and Lodge closed.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

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But every drop will tell;
The bucket would soon be empty
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Only a poor little penny,
It was all I had to give,
But as pennies help make guineas,
It may help some cause to live.

A few little bits of ribbon,
And some toys that were not new;
But they made the sick child happy,
Which made me happy too.

Only some outgrown garments,
They were all I had to spare,
But they'll help to clothe the needy,
And the poor are everywhere.

A word now and then of comfort,
That cost me nothing to say,
But the poor old man dies happy,
And it helped him on the way.

God loveth the cheerful giver,
Though the gifts be poor and small,
What doth He think of His children
When they never give at all?

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To elect a Treasurer for the year ensuing;

To elect Twelve Life or Annual Subscribers as Members of the General Committee for the year ensuing.

To consider the following Notices of Motion:

1. By Bro. THOMAS ENTWISLE, V. President, per Bro. C. F. MATIER:
   To alter Law 55, by inserting after the word "livelihood" (at the end of Law) the words "in any of which cases *except that of sudden death*, the Father must have been a Subscribing Member to a Lodge for three years."
2. By Bro. A. J. DUFF-FILER, V. Patron:—
   In Law 72 (authorising a grant of money by the General Committee to a Boy having left the Institution) to erase the words "Twenty Pounds," in line 2—and in lieu thereof, to insert the words "Forty Pounds."
3. By resolution of the General Committee, on the recommendation of the House and Building Committee:—
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*** CANDIDATES WITHDRAWN FROM LIST.**

No. 52.—Lewis, Oswald Edward.
No. 61.—Gosden, Walter Harry.
No. 70.—Legge, Vernon Guest.

N.B.—There are two Candidates named "**Lucas**," Nos. 15 and 62.

By Order,
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2nd April 1881.

THE EIGHTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held on Wednesday, 29th June 1881,

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JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

IT is greatly to be regretted that, with but few exceptions, the records of those Lodges it has been our privilege to compile should have been so imperfect as to render it in any circumstances difficult, and in some instances impossible, to give a perfect history from the date of their constitution to the present time. The Lodge whose career we are on the point of considering, comes under the category of those with which it is impossible to deal completely. It was constituted by the Grand Lodge of the Ancient or Atholl Masons early in the year 1789, but the earliest minute in its possession is under date the 29th March 1841. There is consequently a period of as nearly as possible fifty-two years, in respect of which it is out of the question that we can acquire any knowledge of its proceedings, until, at all events, some one shall be so fortunate as to discover the missing records. The list of the W.M.'s and Wardens of the Lodge, extending back to the year 1822, inclusive, is fortunately in existence, and more fortunate still, there is also preserved a complete list of the members from the very date of the constitution of the Lodge, that is, from the 21st April 1789, the first names in the order we announce them being Bros. Ebenezer Sibley W.M., James Allibone S.W., and William Ranger J.W., being the principal Officers designate in the Warrant of the Lodge, transcript of which appeared in Vol. IV. page 327, of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. For the preservation of this list, it seems, the Lodge is indebted to the kindness of Bro. S. Lazarus, who was its Secretary at the time he presented it, namely, on 2nd November 1840, or just a few months before the minutes begin. The title page, as we presume we must call it, runs thus:—"Members of the Lodge, No. 253, at the Globe in Hatton-street, Holborn"—"the sign of the Globe, Hatton Garden (or elsewhere) in London" is mentioned in the Warrant as the place of meeting—"Constituted 21st April 1789. At the Union in 1813, number altered to 315"—query 319—"since which period it was again altered to 223. This book was presented to the Lodge of Joppa, No. 223. Containing the dates of all initiations, passings, and raisings and joinings for upwards of 51 years,—by Bro. S. Lazarus, Secty.—2nd November 1880." As regards the brethren who became members during the years anterior to 1801, no particulars are given by which it is possible to distinguish between those who were initiated and those who joined. For the few years that follow there are cases in which the dates of initiation and joining are mentioned, and later still we have the dates when the several degrees were conferred. As we advance, we find the Register becomes still more complete, and in the column left vacant for "Observations," &c. we find entries as to honorary members, resignations, deaths, &c. This list is continued till towards the close of the first half of 1844, the last entries bearing date the 3rd June of that year. The list of names contains none that are likely to commend themselves to the especial notice of brethren, except perhaps those of William S. Beetham, who in the column for Observations is described as "Now Sir Wm., *Knight*, Ulster King at Arms," and Jacob Norton, with whom we so often engage in friendly controversy, and who, it seems, was initiated into Freemasonry on the 3rd June 1839, passed to F.C. 1st July, and raised 5th August. The second Record contains not only the list of names continued to the present time, but likewise that of which we have already spoken, namely, the List of W. Masters and Wardens of the Lodge since 1822.

Of the other archives two may be dismissed briefly. One is the "Rules, Orders, and Bye-Laws of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England according to the Old Constitutions. His Grace the Duke of Atholl, Grand Master. To which are added the Laws and Regulations of the Holy Royal Arch. Published by Order of the Grand Lodge." This, which was printed by Bro. Thomas Harper jun. in 1813, is in a complete state of preservation; but as we noticed a similar code in connection with the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, we need not enter into any further description. The other has on its title-page the following inscription, namely:—"Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. Part the Second. Containing the Charges, Regulations, &c., &c. Published, by the Authority of the United Grand Lodge, by William Williams, Esq., Provincial Grand Master for the County of Dorset." It bears date 1815, and is nearly, if not entirely, complete. Bro. Williams's Preface states that "the First Part, containing the History of Masonry, from the earliest period to the end of the year 1815, with Preface and Copious Index to the whole Work, will be printed with as little delay as possible." Thus, the Second Part, which is unquestionably of greater importance than the History of Freemasonry, even from the remotest period, enjoyed priority of publication. But two years had elapsed since the Union had taken place, and in the interim the Laws for the due governance of the Society had been compiled. Rightly enough did Bro. Williams, under such circumstances, hasten to set before the Craft the new Rules and Regulations. It was far better the brethren of those days should be made acquainted with the rules than with even the most elaborate history of the Society which the greatest possible ingenuity of even the most learned slave to Imagination could find the heart to compile.

Before going further we may repeat the statement that the Joppa Lodge was constituted 21st April 1789, as is stated in the Warrant we have already referred to. When the union between the Ancients and Moderns took place in 1813, it became, in consequence of the numbering of the Lodges which followed, No. 319. On the closing up of the Lodges in 1832 it became No. 223, and when again in 1863 there was a further change in numbers, it took the rank it has ever since retained, namely, that of Lodge No. 188. Having now to the best of our ability cleared the way for the more important duty that devolves upon us, we shall proceed to give a sketch of the Lodge, based on the minutes still preserved.

The minutes, as we have said, date from the 29th March 1841, when the Lodge was numbered 223 and met at the George and Vulture, Cornhill. The opening record, which describes the proceedings in question, is, unfortunately, not of a most satisfactory character. It relates to a meeting which was specially summoned, and the business transacted was confined to an investigation into certain charges preferred against a certain brother by the W. Master and another member. The result of the investigation was, that the incriminated brother, who did not, however, favour the Lodge with his presence, was suspended; but in the course of the evening a letter was received, in which he tendered his resignation, and the resignation, in spite of the sentence of suspension just before passed, was accepted, with a very proper proviso, however, "that his Private Lodge Certificate (when he applies for it), must state fully the particulars under which his resignation was accepted." At the meeting on the 3rd May, after the initiation of two candidates and the transaction of other business, a letter from Grand Secretary White, containing certain resolutions passed by Grand Lodge at the March Quarterly Communication, was read and ordered to be placed on the minutes. These resolutions—as will be seen on reference to our history of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, Vol. XII. p 132—were directed against the unauthorised publication of the proceedings of Masons' Lodges, and in them the M.W. Grand Master appeals to the loyalty of the Craft generally, and especially of the Masters of Lodges, to assist him in putting down a practice which, in his opinion and that of Grand Lodge, cannot be otherwise than injurious to the well-being of Freemasonry. One other entry in the minutes of this meeting would seem to call forth some remarks. It reads thus:—"Bro. D. Crawcour, having complied with the resolution of the Lodge of the 20th December 1838, was afterwards admitted and took his seat as a Past Master of the Lodge." In the absence of the minutes referring to 1838, we are, of course, unable to offer any explanation as to the nature of the resolution referred to.

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Perhaps some among the older members of the Lodge may be in a position to throw some light on the matter. At the meeting in July, after the half-yearly accounts, which showed a balance in favour of the Lodge of £5 0s 10d, had been audited, there was read the report of a Sub-Committee, which had been appointed to inquire into the custom of other Lodges with respect to their Secretaries, the result of such inquiries, so far as they were carried, being, that apart from Grand Lodge, the Lodges of Antiquity, Enoch, Kent, and Prosperity, severally presented an honorarium annually to their Secretaries, and on the strength of this report it was resolved to pay the Secretary of the Joppa the annual sum of £6 in addition to a free membership, such payment to commence from the night of installation of the current year (1841). It may be noticed incidentally, that among the members of the Sub-Committee was Bro. D. Moses, Treas. At the August meeting a motion was submitted by our worthy Brother Jacob Norton, and seconded by Bro. A. Harris P.M., to the effect that "in future all glass that is broken at or after supper or dinner, either by a member or visitor, shall be paid for by such brothers as may break the same." At an emergency meeting, held on the 23rd of this same month of August, the question of removing the Lodge from its quarters at the George and Vulture to a private room was taken into consideration, and a Committee, consisting of the Master, Past Masters, and Officers, was appointed for the purpose of making the necessary inquiries. In the following month the result of these inquiries was set forth, after a deputation of the Lodge had been despatched to the George Hall in order to judge for themselves of its suitability as a Lodge room. When the several members of this deputation had expressed their views on the question, a motion was submitted that the Lodge should take up its quarters at the Hall referred to, conditionally that the proprietor furnished the room with a carpet or drugget, and other necessary accommodation. To this, however, was opposed an amendment that the question of the removal of the Lodge should stand over till the next meeting, and this was eventually carried. At this gathering Bro. Norton, being about to leave the kingdom, tendered his resignation, and the Lodge paid him the compliment of unanimously agreeing to a resolution to the effect that a recommendation be given him on his departure. In October the question of removal was again deferred, not only on the regular Lodge night, but at the emergency meeting held on the 20th of the month, which was called partly for the consideration of that particular business, and partly for the initiation of two gentlemen, of whom one—Mr. Francis Broughton—was a minor, being only nineteen years and seven months old. In his case, therefore, the consent of the father in writing and the Grand Master's dispensation were necessary prerequisites before he could be balloted for, and, as many of our readers may not be acquainted with the form of dispensation granted for this purpose, we have thought it well to reproduce it. This particular dispensation reads as follows:—

"To the W. Master, Wardens, and Members of the Lodge of Joppa, No. 228, meeting at the George and Vulture, Cornhill.

"You having represented to M.W.G.M. that Mr. Francis Broughton, of Falcon Square, London, and minor, of the age of 19 years and 7 months, son of Mr. Broughton, a solicitor of the place aforesaid, is desirous (with the consent of his father) to be initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, and that he is in all respects a fit and proper person to be received, save as to his minority, His Royal Highness is pleased to grant this His Dispensation, and you are hereby authorised and impowered to Initiate the said Francis Broughton, notwithstanding his minority, provided he be approved upon ballot in conformity with the Laws of the Grand Lodge and the Bye Laws of your own Lodge, and that the Consent of the Father shall be duly signified to you in writing. And for so doing this shall be your sufficient Warrant and you are to cause this Dispensation to be read in your Lodge, previous to the Ballot being taken, and also to be recorded in your minutes.

"Given at Freemasons' Hall, London, the 19th day of October 1841.

"By Command of His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, M.W. Grand Master.

(Signed) WILLIAM A. WHITE G.S."

In November the proposal to remove to the George Hall was determined in the negative; nor was it till the close of the year 1850 that the Lodge quitted the George and Vulture, and then it removed to the King's Head, Poultry. At the same time, the Bye-Law allowing the Worshipful Master to invite an unlimited number of visitors free, was modified, and henceforth he was privileged to invite two only. In December Bro. J. Woolf was elected Worshipful Master, while Bros. D. Moses and Isaacs were re-elected Treasurer and Tyler. It was subsequently resolved that on the installation night supper should be provided instead of a dinner, Members contributing 4s each, and Visitors 5s, while the Lodge itself gave the sum of £7 out of its funds towards the expenses of the entertainment.

In January 1842, Bro. John Woolf was formally installed as Master, and appointed and invested his Officers. The occasion calls for no remark save one, and the best way of making this is to quote the very words of the minute which has attracted our attention, and affords satisfactory evidence of the exceeding care with which the proceedings of the Lodge were conducted. It reads as follows: "The Summonses having been issued most peremptorily by Brother Lazarus the Secretary to assemble at five o'clock precisely, the Worshipful Master arrived at Three quarters of an hour after five o'clock, and fearing there had been some irregularity in the proceedings without the Warrant which he then brought with him, proceeded to re-open the Lodge with the usual formalities and solemn prayer." For the insertion of this minute, we presume, we are indebted to the conduct of Bro. Lazarus, who, at the next meeting of the Lodge, objected to the confirmation of the minutes of the installation on the ground that they did not give a complete account of the proceedings; and it was only on the promise of the new Secretary, Bro. Daniel, that such an addition should be made that the ex-Secretary consented to waive his objection. Bro. Lazarus, however, though he seems to have been a most worthy and active member, and though steps were subsequently taken with a view to recognising his valuable services as Secretary, does not appear to have been quite as attentive in the matter of delivering up his archives to his successor. Whether the Lodge was or was not opened and re-opened on the same evening is, comparatively speaking, of little importance, but the complaint of Bro. Daniel, who succeeded Bro. Lazarus in the Secretaryship, was a serious one—namely, that the "Old Minute Book, as well as the other Books, were not delivered up to him on his coming into office," and Bro. Lazarus's promise, "that if the Tyler came up for them to his house they should be delivered up," fully satisfies us Bro. Lazarus had no adequate conception of the importance of his duties or of the courtesy due by him to his Lodge. It would not have detracted one iota from the personal dignity of Bro. Lazarus had he been himself the carrier of the book, and himself placed it in the hands of his successor. It happens, unfortunately, that this old Minute Book contains a part, if not the whole of the Records that are missing, and, in the absence of any remarks one way or the other in the pages of the Minute Book now under consideration, we trust the Lodge had sense enough not to pay Bro. Lazarus the compliment of voting him a testimonial until it was shown that he had done his duty by handing over to Bro. Daniel this important record—the ability of the the Tyler to call at his house for it being left entirely out of consideration. A result of Bro. Lazarus's remissness in the fulfilment of his duties is noticeable in the minutes relating to this very gathering. Among sundry inquiries it seems he felt it incumbent on him to make was one as to whether "the names of the Officers eligible to sit in Grand Lodge had been made out," and the prompt reply of Secretary Daniel was to the effect that "he could not do so until Brother Lazarus, the Secretary, gave up the books." Indeed, the whole conduct of this brother appears to have been singularly inexplicable, for in the same set of minutes he is entered as stating "that he held in his hands some papers which should be sealed up, and opened whenever the Worshipful Master thought proper to call a Committee of the Lodge, when those papers should be read. The Worshipful Master promised that a Committee should be called." We ask, in the first place, why this Bro. Lazarus was permitted to retain in his hands, when he was no longer in office, a single paper referring to the business or the members of the Lodge. In the next, how happens it that the W.M. and the rest of the Lodge could have been so weak as to allow themselves to be thus dragooned one minute, and prepare a testimonial to the brother who had dragooned them the minute following. We hear nothing further of the Minute Book, the preservation of which was a matter of the greatest importance, but we do hear much about Bro. Lazarus, which we could well have dispensed with without shedding one single tear of regret.

In the minutes for April 1842 is a record to the effect that Bro. Asher Benjamin presented the Lodge with a windlass, which was placed before the Senior Warden, and that the thanks of the Lodge were given to the donor. In May, a guinea was voted from the funds of the Lodge towards the "Annuity Fund." In September, the half-yearly account, when audited, showed the very satisfactory balance in favour of the Lodge of £11 17s 9d. At the meeting in October, the Bro. Lazarus we have spoken so fully about already gave notice of motion that "the Lodge be closed every night at nine o'clock." What object he could have in making such a proposition does not appear. In November a visiting Brother belonging to what in those days was Lodge No. 78, was refused admission, Bro. Daniel having announced his intention of retiring if the brother in question were allowed to enter. It subsequently transpired that the applicant for admission would never have presented himself had he known that Bro. Daniel was present. This is evidence there was great ill-feeling between the two. What, however, occurs to us as being somewhat strange is, that the W. Master, after Bro. Daniel's objection to sit with the proposed visitor, should have put the question to the vote. He ought there and then to have settled that the admission of the visitor was out of the question. In December the election of a new W. Master took place. Of the nineteen votes recorded eight were in favour of Bro. Moses Levy, and eight for Bro. Lazarus, and the choice was determined by the casting vote of the W. Master in favour of Bro. Levy. Bro. David Moses and Isaac Isaacs were re-elected to their old offices of Treasurer and Tyler.

[To be continued.]

SOCIETE CULINAIRE FRANCAIS.

THE Annual Ball of this Society was held on the 31st ult., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of M. Bohers and the following Stewards:—MM. Duplany Secretary, Gudefin, E. Belhomme, Brimond, Dupré, Boizot, A. Penet, Tribolet, J. Cossart, J. C. Innes, Burlet, &c. There was a numerous attendance of ladies and visitors, numbering in all 274. The Ball last year was considered to be a great success, but this year, owing to the indefatigable exertions of the Stewards, the result will doubtless be still more satisfactory. The Balls of the Society are held for the purpose of raising funds to assist the members when in distressed circumstances. The promoter is M. Penet. M. Duplany efficiently acts as Secretary, while the President, M. Bohers, does everything in his power to contribute to the success of these Festivals. The Band was under the direction of Bro. Grove Ellis, and Bro. Johnson acted as M.C. The supper, which as usual was of the most *récherché* character, was provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. Burlet. The President gave the usual Loyal toasts, and the Ladies and Stewards were not overlooked. Dancing was resumed, and the guests concluded a very agreeable evening, with the additional reflection that it was a most successful one as regards the object which was intended.

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MEMORY;

WHAT IT HAS DONE, WHAT IT MAY DO.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

MEMORY plays an important part in Freemasonry, and every applicant should possess the ability of acquiring and retaining a knowledge of the art. Without memory the science could not be disseminated and there could be no "wise and accomplished Freemasons." The attention of the Fellow Craft is continually directed to a consideration of the measure of God's bounty to man, and in the summary of His munificence MEMORY is mentioned as a subject which "far exceeds human enquiry and is a peculiar mystery known only to nature and to nature's GOD." When we pause in the bustle of our business occupations and permit our thoughts to revert to ourselves, and the wonderful faculties with which we are endowed, and consider our utter inability to create anything approaching to the perfectness of mankind, it seems impossible that any sane mind will question the existence of a Deity to whose wisdom alone is to be attributed our complete and complex organization.

What would have been man's condition without the power of memory? The most extensive experience would have been of no value, and human progress and improvement would have been impossible. As a faculty it consists in the ability of retaining knowledge and of recalling it instantly when we have occasion to make use of it. But this power varies much in individuals; thus: some persons can express themselves fluently in conversation or upon the rostrum, while others require the slower process of writing to convey their ideas and knowledge to others; some can recall events with astonishing accuracy of detail, while others with equal facilities for observation have but a confused impression of the circumstances. But it is not my purpose to deal with memory in a philosophical manner—simply to show what it has done and what it may do.

There are many instances on record of the extraordinary achievements of human memory, and nearly every child has had some experience in the way of memorizing chapters and verses from the Bible.

It is related that Daniel Webster had a remarkable ability in this direction—when a boy at least. Upon one occasion a jack-knife was exhibited to the school and promised to the boy who should, by the succeeding evening, commit to memory the greatest number of verses in the Bible. The reward was a tempting one, and the boys all entered for the prize, many of them did well, but Daniel recited some sixty or seventy verses, and said he had a few chapters to spare, and won the knife.

A poor girl named Julia Warner, taken from a country poor house, once undertook the task of committing the entire New Testament to memory in order to secure the proffered prize of a handsome Bible. She memorized so rapidly that her teacher found it difficult to spare the time to hear her recite. She won the Book at the expense of much headache and mental torture.

Rev. John Jewell, Bishop of Salisbury, who died 22nd September 1571, had a most wonderful memory. He could repeat *verbatim* what he had once written, after a single reading, and it was his custom to commit his sermons while the bells were ringing to summon the people to worship. He said that when he had the heads impressed upon his memory, nothing could confuse the order of his thought. His ability as a memorizer was put to numerous severe tests. Two of his brother divines upon one occasion sought to put his powers to a full trial, and one of them uttered twice some of the most difficult and barbarous words he could find in a calendar, while the other gave him a list of forty Welsh, Irish, and foreign words, which he read twice; after a little reflection he repeated the lists both forward and backward. He professed to have reduced his ability to a science, and to be able to communicate it to others, and succeeded so well with one of his friends that after twenty-eight days tuition of one hour each day, the pupil was able to recite the entire Gospel according to Matthew, as well as to recall instantly any verse, and state what was before and after it.

A Massachusetts divine who died some thirty years ago was accustomed to commit his sermons to memory. He had been pastor of one church for seventy years, and when upwards of ninety-five years of age he preached from memory, without any variation, a sermon he had written half a century before. In the afternoon of the same Sunday he repeated the same sermon, but utterly unconscious of the fact that he had preached it in the morning. When his grand-daughter told him of his repetition he saw it at once, but without admitting it, said, "Why, daughter, how can you be so mistaken?" "But, father, you did, and all the congregation knew it." "Daughter," he replied, "was the bread you made last week the same as you made this?" "Why, no, of course not." "But," he continued, "it was made out of the same flour, from the same barrel, in the same way, and baked in the same oven, and I think it must have been just so with my sermon."

But the most astonishing instance of memorizing is that of Cardinal Giuseppe Gaspardo Mezzofanti, the Italian linguist, who was born 17th September 1774, and died 15th March 1849. He was the son of a carpenter, and was designed for the same occupation, but a priest observed his extraordinary intellectual power and had him educated for the priesthood. Before he had completed his university course he had mastered the Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Arabic, Spanish, French, Coptic, German and Swedish tongues, and at the age of twenty-two was appointed professor of Arabic at Bologna and afterwards of the oriental languages. Political changes caused him to lose his appointment, but he pursued the study of language without cessation. He was in the habit of calling upon strangers at the hotels and learning the pronunciation of their tongues. He says this did not cause him much trouble, for he had a "remarkable flexibility of the organs of speech." At forty-three he read twenty and spoke eighteen languages; three years later he had acquired thirty-two, about which time Lord Byron described him as "a walking polyglot, a monster of languages, and a Briareus of parts of speech," an opinion that was induced by the Cardinal's familiarity with English slang, in which he showed himself to be more proficient than the English Lord.

In 1838 he was elevated to the Cardinalate, and his residence at Rome gave him more opportunities for pursuing his favourite study. Cases are recorded of persons coming to Rome who spoke some out of the way language which debarred them from coming to confession; on such occasions three weeks was all the time the Cardinal wanted to make himself familiar with their peculiarities. He is said to have spoken each language with the precision and fluency of a native; his pronunciation, idioms, &c., were unexceptionable; even the familiar words of every day life, the little niceties and peculiarities that characterise every tongue, were known to him. He could detect the particular part of a country a person came from by the dialect, and was frequently mistaken by foreigners as a countryman. He said he never forgot anything he ever read, and his accomplishments certainly warrant such an assertion. It is asserted that at his death he was acquainted with 114 languages, but it is thought that many of these were but variations of the same tongue.

The activity of the memory has always been regarded as subject to the physical condition of the body, and ancient philosophers prescribed plasters, powders, and perfumes to stimulate and strengthen it. Albertus Magnus, a learned Dominican, who lived in the thirteenth century, is regarded by some as the author of a book of *Secrets*, in which the following receipt is given: "If the heart, eye or brain of a lapwing or black plover be hanged upon a man's neck, it is profitable against forgetfulness, and sharpeneth man's understanding."

The art of improving the memory by artificial means has been a subject of much thought by scholars, and it is supposed that the art originated with the Egyptians. Cicero states that the poet Simonides of Cos first reduced it to a system about 500 B.C. He had been in attendance at a banquet, and during his temporary absence the building fell and crushed the guests: the bodies were so mutilated that they were beyond recognition, but his recollection of the position each occupied at the table enabled him to distinguish them, and he was thus led to contrive a process for aiding the memory. There have been various systems originated to aid the memory, but they have been so complex that little good has resulted. Indeed, the systems have been employed chiefly by their inventors to exhibit feats of memory, which Lord Bacon stated he regarded as "no more than rope-dancing, antic-postures and feats of activity; and, indeed, they are nearly the same things—the one being the abuse of the bodily as the other is of the mental powers; and though they may cause admiration, they cannot be highly esteemed."

The principle of artificial memory is to associate some material object with the idea we wish to remember. Almost every person has experienced the principle when revisiting familiar places from which he has been long absent, or meeting some old friend of bygone days. The annual reunions of the soldiers of our late war tend more to keep alive reminiscences of the strife than anything that could be devised; we see an old comrade's face or form, scarred or mutilated as it may be, and at once our memory goes back to the day we saw him fall, or to some scrape in which we were concerned. Antietam, Gettysburg, Libby, Andersonville are simple words, but the mere mention of them brings up hosts of memories. The second sight mystery is an application of the principle, and every one who has occasion to depend upon the memory has a system more or less elaborate as an aid to the recollection.

During the seventeenth century there was one Robert Pasfield, a servant to an English gentleman, who could neither read nor write. He was a zealous churchman and fond of sermons, and as an aid to his memory he invented a girdle of leather which went twice around his body; this he divided into parts and allotted a part to each book of the Bible, in the proper order; the chapters he represented by thongs of leather, with knots and points for verses. With this girdle upon him he made notes of the sermon, and with such success that he could repeat it through its several heads and quote the various texts mentioned in it.

It is not many years since school teachers insisted upon their pupils "learning by heart." The exact words of the author were enjoined as essential to a perfect comprehension of the lesson, and even in history was this senseless practice enforced. In some studies the exact phraseology is necessary, as on the stage and in the rites of Masonry. Where this "learning by rote" is attempted, a sitting posture should be avoided, as it soon produces restlessness, and the mind becomes diverted from the task. It will be found that walking to and fro in the room and repeating the language aloud will be both healthful exercise and an easy way of impressing the words of the text upon the memory. As an aid to the memory in committing written or printed text my own experience has been that by associating the several paragraphs with the position they occupy on the page, a cue is given by which the order of language is observed. We sometimes forget a very important clause, and by a system of association, such as I suggest, the mind has before it an imaginary page from which the language is, as it were, read. Some Officers in Masonic bodies have much memorizing to do in order to gracefully discharge their duties, and it might not be uninteresting or unprofitable if brethren of experience were to give us their systems of fixing words upon their memories.

We understand from the *Portsmouth Times* that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has granted the petition for a warrant for a new Masonic Lodge in Portsmouth, to be called the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, No. 1983. The ceremony of consecration will be performed by the P.G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), at an early date, on which occasion the first W.M. of the new Lodge (Bro. Commander Lord Charles Beresford P.M.) will be present and instal the Officers of the new Lodge, which promises to be a great success.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 9th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1607—Loyalty
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Eburr-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

MONDAY, 11th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton' Fleet-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
967—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
90—St. John, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1089—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M.—Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 12th APRIL.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1340—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
R.A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30.

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
628—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
829—Sydney, Black Horse, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1557—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 285—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 13th APRIL.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-sreett, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
534—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
867—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lowises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction.)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool (In.)
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1603—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1611—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wales
1683—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1615—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 145—Constantine, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 14th APRIL.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7. (Instruction)
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
880—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1339—Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7. (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
1428—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)

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1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)

85—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
278—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
344—Faith, Hull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
349—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecliough, near Manchester
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
638—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1089—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1126—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1201—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1368—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire.
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 1383—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 16th APRIL.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Royal Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205.—Held at Bro. W. Yetton's, Rising Sun, Globe-road, E. At the regular meeting of this Lodge, on the 27th ult., the evening was devoted to the working of the Fifteen Sections. Bro. T. Wooding J.W. 1306 had been invited to preside, and had the advantage of the able support of Bros. P.M.'s T. J. Barnes as S.W., B. Cundick as J.W., and W. Musto Preceptor as I.P.M., G. H. Stephens Hon. Sec. After full compliance with formalities, the sections were worked, and most ably, as follows: First Lecture:—Bros. Shingfield, Richardson, Loane, Job, Moss, Yetton, and T. J. Barnes; Second Lecture:—Bros. Stewart, Taylor, Myers, Musto, and Webb; Third Lecture:—Bros. Cohen, Cundick, and G. H. Stephens. After the working, Bros. Huxley 55, Couture D.C. 1306, Quay 948, G. Coote 1278, MacGregor I.G. 1445, and others, were admitted members of this Lodge of Instruction, where the teaching of Bro. Musto Preceptor, and the other Past Masters is acknowledged to be unequalled. The highly efficient services of the W.M., Brother Wooding, were next recognised; he being unanimously accorded a vote of thanks from the Lodge, together with the compliment of honorary membership. A vote of thanks to the veteran P.M. and teacher Bro. Barnes was next passed, for his kind and efficient discharge of the duties appertaining to the Senior Warden's chair. Bro. Barnes acknowledged the compliment in an instructive speech. The brethren who had assisted were also thanked, and Lodge was closed; a highly agreeable and instructive evening having been passed.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554.—The usual meeting was held on the 5th inst., at the Green Dragon, Stepney, E. Bro. Cross acted as W.M., and was supported as follows:—Bros. Smith S.W., A. Wood, B. Stewart Deacon, J. Taylor I.G., Poulter, A. Walter, Stephens, &c. Lodge having been duly opened, the ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed, Bro. Poulter acting as candidate. Bro. Taylor then occupied the chair, and worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Smith was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and Lodge was closed, and adjourned until the 12th inst.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held at the Star and Garter, Kew-bridge, on Friday evening, 1st April, at half-past seven for eight o'clock. Bro. Monson, who had been appointed to the chair, kindly relinquished his claim in favour of Bro. Becket. The Officers were Bros. Monson S.W., Maton J.W., C. D. Botley S.D., F. Botley J.D., Blasby I.G.; there were also present Bros. Roe Preceptor, Gomm I.P.M., Goss P.M., Tucker Treasurer, Gunner Hon. Sec., Kent, Sperring, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sperring candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, Bro. Gunner volunteered as candidate, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Blasby answered the usual questions leading to third degree. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Monson was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his Officers. A cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be entered on the minutes to Brother Becket for his efficient working, for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Becket expressed his gratification, and only regretted that his "private avocations" precluded his attending so frequently as he could wish; he also testified his appreciation of Bro. Monson's kindness in giving over the chair to him for the evening. Bro. Secretary reported that, in accordance with the recent vote, the Treasurer had handed him a cheque for five guineas, and that he had given it over to Bro. Gomm to be placed on his list as Steward for the Boys' Institution. Lodge was closed, and the meeting adjourned till 8th inst., usual hour. In our report last week of the Royal Alfred Lodge, we omitted to mention that five guineas was voted on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; the amount is to be placed on Bro. Gomm's list.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 30th March. Bros. P.M. Myers W.M., Peterken S.W., Watkins J.W., Ives I.G., Worsley Secretary; also Bros. Pavitt, Smith, Knopp, Brownsom and Wallington P.M. 860. Lodge opened in due form and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed by P.M. Bro. Myers, who installed Bro. Smith W.M. elect 860 into the chair of K.S.; the working of Bro. Myers was most perfect. The Lodge closed to 1st degree, when Bro. Peterken was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. We were gratified at seeing Bro. Wallington on a visit to this little Lodge of Instruction; he received a hearty welcome from those of his old pupils who were present. Now Bro. Wallington has once paid a visit here, we trust the brethren will often have him in attendance. Bro. Worsley worked the first, second and fourth sections of the lecture.

On Tuesday, 5th April, Bros. Peterken W.M., Rawe S.W., Loane J.W., Myers S.D., Johnson J.D., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Musto Preceptor; P.M. Barnes, Bros. Forsyth, Keable, White, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Keable candidate. Bro. Worsley worked the first four sections of the lecture. Bro. Rawe was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All were pleased to see our friend, Bro. Barnes assisting in working the sections. A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Peterken was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the excellent manner in which he performed the ceremony, for the first time. We are sorry to hear that Bro. Smith, a most regular attendant at this Lodge, was absent on account of illness. We wish him a speedy return to health.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—On Tuesday, 5th April, at the Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement. Present—Bros. Shipley W.M., Medwin S.W., Orme J.W., Mather Preceptor, Sparrow Secretary, Cuthbertson S.D., Couchman I.G., and several others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Levi candidate. Lodge opened in second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Kern candidate. Lodge opened in third degree, and closed to first. Bro. F. Perl, of the New Concord Lodge, No. 813, was elected a member. Bro. Medwin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE.

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Orion Chapter (Rose Croix), No. 3, Havant.—On Tuesday, the 22nd ult., the members of the above Chapter assembled at the Masonic Hall, Waterloo-road, the attendance being a fair one. Sir Knight J. Clay P.M.W. occupied the chair, in the absence of J. Harrison M.W.; J. Clarke S.W., J. Purnell J.W. There being no candidate for advancement, the position of the Rite was discussed, and the Festival of Nature celebrated, J. W. Hillman R. Ill. G.M. of C. presiding, after which the members adjourned to the Dolphin Hotel, where the Festival was completed.

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THE RECENT ELECTIONS.

THE Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Tavern on Saturday last, when after the ordinary business of the meeting had been transacted, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the election of fifteen from an approved list of twenty-eight candidates. We have already noted the distribution of these candidates as among the several sections of the Craft. Ten of them hailed from London; Hants and Isle of Wight sent up three; Devonshire, Essex, Wilts, and West Yorkshire two each; and Cambridgeshire, Northumberland, East Lancashire, Suffolk, Kent, Staffordshire, and Somersetshire one each. Of the London girls exactly one-half obtained vacancies, while ten of the eighteen Provincial completed the list. The first, second, and third places were secured by the former, L. M. Anscombe being first with 2064 votes, E. J. March second with 2011, and E. M. Penny third with 1857. We must congratulate them on their success, for this was their first and only chance of obtaining admission into the School. No. 4 was a Suffolk girl, E. M. A. Townsend, who to a score of 305 votes from the election last October, polled 1508 additional, making a total of 1813. No. 5, S. H. M. Tippler, from Essex, was a first and last application, and secured 1614 votes, while No. 6, G. L. Smith, of London, also secured her admission at her first attempt with 1497 votes. No. 7, A. C. Corps, Kent, was not very far behind, as she obtained 1461 votes, while A. A. Allison, Northumberland, with 364 to her credit from October last, increased her total to 1425. The East Lancashire candidate, L. Williamson, was likewise a candidate last October, when she polled 532. The further support of her friends yielded 844 additional votes, so that the total of 1376 carried her well on to the ninth place. No. 10, G. B. Balch, Somersetshire, and No. 11, Minnie Wedgwood, of Staffordshire, polled 1302 and 1264 votes respectively, the next in order, E. M. Foxall, being twelfth with 1259 votes. One of the West Yorkshire candidates, Florence James, obtained the thirteenth place with 1,221 votes, and the other stood fifteenth with 1163 votes, the Devon candidate, U. A. Rawle, taking the intermediate position with 1209 votes. All these, from No. 10 inclusive, were first application cases. So much for the successful candidates, which, having regard to the number, were fairly well distributed between the Metropolis and the Provinces. Of the unsuccessful candidates, Nos. 16 and 17, with 1,125 and 1025 votes to their credit respectively, hailed from London. The second Essex candidate, E. Deacon, who had 314 votes to the good from three previous elections, raised her total to 819. Unfortunately, this was a final application, and her name therefore will be removed from the list. No. 19, L. M. S. Shrapnel, Wiltshire, polled 492 votes, but as she is not yet nine years of age, there are several more chances, which her Province will no doubt turn to the best account. No. 20, N. L. Walters, London, polled 316 votes. No. 21, E. M. Parker, of Cambridgeshire, though this was her sixth and last application, scored only 176 votes, of which 92 stood to her credit from her previous attempts. Her name, therefore, will disappear from the list. A. G. Cleaver, London, nine years old, obtained 173 votes, and Edith Brown, Devonshire, 110 votes. The latter has yet one more chance of securing admission, as she will not be eleven years old till November. Of the five remaining candidates, No. 24, London, polled 79 votes, and Nos. 25, 26, and 27, all hailing from the Province of Hants and Isle of Wight, obtained 45, 19, and 6 votes respectively. The first and second of this trio have now made three, and the third, two attempts, to gain admission, and they are fortunately young enough to be permitted to try again. The last on the poll, a Wiltshire girl, M. L. Gane, obtained two votes, but doubtless her friends will exert themselves to an appreciable extent at some future election, as she will be eligible for admission till the October election 1883. We do not know that any further remarks need be added, beyond the expression of our regret that the two *last* cases should have failed. It is always regrettable when a young girl's hopes of admission into the School are thus destroyed. There now remain eleven from the list of last Saturday who are eligible to try in October next, and several of them will have still further chances allowed them.

The Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, was held in the Great Hall at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, 11th inst., when, on the completion of the business described in our Advertisement columns last week, twenty pupils were elected from an approved list of seventy-two candidates, the original number of seventy-six having been reduced by three withdrawals, and one removal. Of the twenty thus elected, the admission of two of them has been made conditional on the result of the further inquiries which have been ordered. Of the seventy-two candidates nineteen belonged to London; Hants and the Isle of Wight sent up five; Durham four, East Lancashire, Kent, and Middlesex three each; Cumberland and Westmoreland, Devon, Dorset, Essex, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, North Wales and Salop, S. Wales West Division, Warwickshire, and West Yorkshire two each; Beds, Berks and Bucks, Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Gloucestershire, Guernsey, Herts, Hong Kong, N. and E. Yorkshire, Northumberland, South Africa, Staffordshire, Surrey, West Coast of Africa, and West Lancashire one each. Eight of the successful candidates hailed from London, and the remaining twelve were Provincial; or, having regard to the number of attempts each had made, one had been a candidate at four previous elections, four at three, two at two, and four at one election, while the other nine succeeded at the very first attempt; it being in the case of one of these nine, a first and last ballot, for had he not succeeded in winning a place, his name must have been removed from the list. The two who obtained the first and second places were London candidates, A. Allan with 910 votes to his credit from last October polled 802 more, and secured the highest position with a total of 1712, while G. A. March at his first trial obtained 1676, and the next highest place. No. 3, one of the two candidates from West Yorkshire, was an applicant for the first time and polled 1665, W. W. Lucas, who stood fourth with 1656 votes, being one of three East Lancashire lads, and also a candidate for the first time. W. H. Woollons, from the Province of Hants and the Isle of Wight, had 803 votes to his credit as the accumulated result of four previous ballots. On Monday he increased his score to 1644 and thus secured the fifth vacancy. No. 6, E. C. Rocke of London, and a candidate for the first time, scored 1623 votes; while No. 7, W. L. Wilson, South Africa, with a credit of 1238 votes from three former attempts, received 374 additional, making his total 1612. Next in order is the name of L. L. Whiteley, an Essex candidate, for whom 1575 votes were cast at this his first trial; F. R. Bladon, Berks and Bucks, with 742 from last October, increasing his poll to 1570, and H. J. Tink, one of the two

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Dorset boys, being close up with 1562 votes. No. 11, C. E. Webb, hailing from Kent, had received at his three previous attempts only 330 votes, but his friends made a determined onslaught, and with a further poll of 1200 votes, carried him into the eleventh vacancy, with a total of 1530, W. Conway, the Cheshire applicant, being close on his heels with 1,522, all polled for him on this occasion. A London candidate, F. T. Tanner, with 422 votes from the October election, was so well supported that he was returned with 1454 votes, a North Wales and Salop lad, W. I. Williams, being only a short neck behind with 1451, E. C. Lucas, Guernsey, coming next with 1445, of which 968 were already to his credit from three previous ballots. Two London lads followed, one of whom, A. L. Lewis, with 925 to the good from October, increased it to 1431, while the other, John Bloomfield, was a candidate for the first time, and scored 1423. Grantley Wicks, from the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland, received 1385 votes, and thus fought his way into the School at his first and only trial, the nineteenth and twentieth vacancies falling to London candidates, of whom the former, C. N. Estling, with 896 votes from three ballots, raised his total to 1365, while S. D. Stephen, who had been twice an unsuccessful applicant, and only procured support to the extent of 940 votes, received 416 additional, and thus raised his total to 1356. These last two candidates are the two whose admission into the School has been made to depend on the result of further inquiries.

Of the unsuccessful candidates, the first is A. Fellows, from London, with a total of 1311 votes, made up of 714 from his four previous ballots, and 597 cast for him on Monday. He has one more chance of securing his election, and with such a credit may reasonably look forward to winning his way into the School in October next. George Wortley, a Durham boy, stood for the first time last October, when he polled 542 votes. This was increased to 1263 on Monday, so that he, too, and indeed the seven next in order, stand well for the next election, namely, C. A. Gurney, Middlesex, who increased his votes from 761 to 1225; S. E. Lee, London, who scored 1134, of which 662 were already to his credit; P. H. Mott, West Lancashire, 1113 votes, all polled on Monday; H. A. Ecclestone, Hong Kong, who raised his total from 741 to 1087; H. Lloyd Jordison, Essex, 950 votes, of which 264 were brought forward, and G. W. K. Hill, and A. Kirkby, both of London; the former raised his number from 294 to 887, while the latter polled 821. Next is a Norfolk boy, W. B. Stanford, with 765 votes; then a Warwickshire candidate, F. A. Clark, with 637 votes, 555 of which, however, were brought forward, and then W. R. Watson, the Surrey candidate, whose poll was increased at the election from 243 to 631. However, it is hardly necessary we should go on enumerating the votes polled for all the unsuccessful ones. Suffice it that Nos. 33 and 34 have over 500 to the good, and No. 35 over 400. The next five from No. 36 to No. 41, both inclusive, polled over 300 votes, but No. 39, H. S. J. Crane, will disappear from the list. At six elections he has only obtained 335 votes, and before October he will have attained the age of eleven. Nos. 42 to 46, both inclusive, have each over 200 votes, No. 43, C. S. V. Field being in the same unfortunate predicament as the boy Crane. Nos. 47 to 54 have each scored between 100 and 200 votes, while No. 55 is close up with 94 votes. All these have one or more chances of success still left them, but No. 56, John Reed, though he has tried seven times has failed, poor lad, ignominously—no ignominy, of course, attaches to the lad—and he, too, will disappear from the list. No. 59, a Berks and Bucks lad, was withdrawn, so that the 43 votes polled for him were wasted; it would have been his only chance of securing a vacancy. Nos. 66 and 67, the former a London, and the latter a Worcester boy, were withdrawn, No. 74, London, was removed, while No. 75, a Devon youngster scored—how many think you, gentle reader, at his five attempts? Well, a magnificent 0. His friends must have been most energetic in their support of his candidature. *Five* elections with 0 as the result. We suppose the poor boy has been living on hope for the last two years and a half, and now even that has deserted him, for he has no further chance of gaining even a vote, much less a place among the successful candidates. Omitting two withdrawals and the one removal, there were no less than eight candidates for whom were cast under ten votes. This completes our survey of the result of last Monday's election. It only remains for us to add that of the unsuccessful candidates as many as forty-seven will have their names and the votes, if any, polled for them, carried forward to the October list, so that whatever may be the number of vacancies then competed for, there is every prospect of the list of applicants being as formidable as at this election. Of these forty-seven boys ten are London, and the rest Provincial.

MASONIC LEGEND AND TRADITION.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

AN evening recently spent in the company of an old and experienced Mason was an interesting one to the writer. The venerable brother had been an active and studious Craftsman from early life; had read whatever came within his reach in relation to the history of Freemasonry; had formed opinions concerning the origin and history and growth of the Order, and was prepared to give a reason for his belief. He is, occasionally, quite communicative on this subject, and when in such a mood it is extremely pleasant to pass an hour or two in his company.

On the occasion alluded to I asked his opinion about the origin of Freemasonry—"Whence came it?" Were the stories about its organization among the workmen who constructed the Temple at Jerusalem founded on fact? In brief, what where we to believe about it, or must we leave it where we found it, involved in fiction, legend, and tradition? He seemed willing to communicate, and I listened with reverence and close attention. I now propose to give you, substantially, his views in reply to my question. I may not hope to recall his exact language, but as near as I can, from my notes taken at the time.

"Freemasonry, in its form and fashion of to-day, has a history of only a few centuries. Fort has collected most of what is known on that subject, and his work is quite exhaustive; but beyond the facts and documents he has given us, there is a dim past, through the centuries of which there is an occasional fact that refers to an association either Grecian or Roman or Jewish or Tyrian, probably some from each source, pointing to a real or supposed association of builders. To those half legendary facts, we owe the traditions we so often refer to in the rituals of the present Freemasonry. Even traditions must have *some* basis for support, and ours may rest upon the snatches of early history, some of which are facts and some the vagrant fancies of busy brains. Some of them were unquestionably facts—many of them mere theories. Let me give you mine, in which recorded truth and fanciful legend are strangely blended. Solomon was about to construct a magnificent Temple at Jerusalem, the capital of his kingdom, in which GOD was to be worshipped according to certain forms, and with certain symbolic ceremonies. The Jews knew but little of the art of building; but men *must* be had for this great undertaking, workmen, architects, builders; such as could 'hew the architrave' from the cedars of Lebanon, and square great ashlars from the quarries, who could at least prepare the material from its unshapen forms, and then it would be a comparatively easy task to erect the structure. But most of all did he need a 'cunning artificer,' one capable of comprehending the whole plan of the building, of preparing designs and models for the workmen, and of superintending the construction of an edifice, whose original designs were believed to have been furnished by the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

"The Tyrians, composing a small kingdom on the sea coast, were renowned as architects. Tyre was but a short distance from Jernsalem; while its king (Hiram) was on the most friendly terms with Solomon. To Hiram, therefore, overtures were made to supply workmen for the great enterprise, and a favourable reply received. The result was an agreement that, for certain considerations, Hiram should supply Solomon with the artists and builders that he needed. The letters which passed between these two neighbouring kings, in the progress of this negotiation, are still extant, and are invested with the seal of unquestioned authenticity. You may read this correspondence, still preserved in that old work called the Bible—reverenced by Jew and Christian the world over. It is found in the second chapter of the first book of Chronicles, and its authenticity is reliable. It will there be seen that Hiram not only supplied the desired workmen for the forest and the quarries, but he found and furnished an artist of extraordinary skill—just such a one as Solomon needed. The king described him as 'the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father a man of Tyre, skilful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone and in timber, in purple, in blue and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave any manner of graving, and to find out every device that shall be put to him.

"This man, half Jew and half Tyrian, must have been a rare artist, of wonderful and varied genius. The Freemasons of a century or more ago, in arranging and adjusting the rituals of the degrees, seem to have taken this Tyrian artist under their special care, and, adding fancy to fact, arranged a tragedy as a novelist does his plot, and then passed it upon the neophyte as veritable historic truth! Or, in completing the mystical structure, they may have borrowed some from the Dyonisians to complete the ideal, half fact and half fiction, which they constructed from the story of the Tyrian.

"The mysteries of the Dyonisians were originally instituted in honour of Bacchus, and looked to Egypt, that *land of mysteries*, for their parentage. The ceremonies at the reception of a novice were solemn and impressive, and, like the Third Degree in modern Masonry, well calculated to test the virtue and integrity of the candidate. More than three days were required in passing the terrible ordeal, and when he reached the object of his ambition, he was welcomed with shouts, and daily instructed in the doctrines and symbols of the association. This was not unlike the legend of the Third Degree, and it is not difficult to trace the relationship.

"In working out the analogies found in the foundation of our

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mysteries, it is not necessary to enter into a detail of the labours of those Tyrian artists, in conjunction with the men of Israel, in the preparation of the material for, and final completion of the Temple which rose in almost unearthly grandeur on Moriah. Jew and Gentile wrought together, as though the achievement was designed to prefigure that of the Gospel in later times, when all were to be included in the privileges and blessings of a Temple equally as holy and still more spiritual. On this analogy the fathers founded another legend.

"Now for the corner-stone of another tradation: For seven years the work of constructing that Temple went steadily forward according to the designs of the 'cunning workman' of Tyre in whom was mingled the blood of the Jew and the Gentile. Israelite and Tyrian toiled side by side, until by the united skill and industry of more than one hundred and fifty thousand workmen the Grand Design was completed. Think you a close and fraternal intimacy had grown up between these workmen? In their hours of 'rest and refreshment' they doubtless talked over the history, customs and religions of their respective nations, with the nature and resulting benefits of a closer union; and though the sons of Abraham could not, perhaps, formally unite with their co-workers, the Tyrians, nor embrace their peculiar dogmas in their entirety, they could unite in some of them. The Israelites, perhaps, would commend the doctrines and duties taught by the Prophets, and instructed their Tyrian associates in relation to the claims and promises—the privileges and blessings vouchsafed to them by the God of Abraham.

"The very rock or timber on which their skill was then engaged would lead to conversation on this subject; and in the hours of relaxation from toil, while reposing under the deep shades of the forest on the plains of Zarthan, or the sides and summit of Lebanon, would suggest the wonders God had wrought in behalf of His chosen people; and such themes would lead them to chant the inspired songs of the Hebrew Bards, until the mind and language of the Jew glowed under the inspiration of the themes, and the hopes and prospects opening before them; while their Tyrian associates would listen, and wonder, and admire. It cannot be supposed that this free and unrestrained intermingling of workmen, even of different races, could continue for a period of seven years, without creating an intimacy as sincere as it was disinterested, and without making each party acquainted with whatever was valuable and disirable in the social, religious, or fraternal institutions of the respective nations. The one was as ready to impart as the other was to receive instruction; while both were benefited, and received impressions that ages did not obliterate.

"But the great work was finally completed, and the workmen were again to be separated. The Temple, in which the solemn and imposing worship of JEHOVAH was to be publicly instituted and statedly celebrated, was dedicated with the most imposing ceremonies that earth had ever witnessed. The Ark, with its sacred deposits was safely deposited in the 'Most Holy Place.' On his bended knees 'before all the congregation,' and the vast assemblage which the great event had collected from every part of Judea, the great Monarch of Israel had solemnly consecrated the whole to the worship of JEHOVAH. And God had appeared in awful majesty over the mercy seat, and accepted the offering. Next to the cloud and the thunder and the earthquake upon Mount Sinai, this was the most solemn and awe inspiring scene that man had ever witnessed.

"We may reasonably conclude that many of those Tyrian artists who so long and faithfully laboured in the erection of this wonderful structure, remained to witness the great events of its dedication; and if so, what they saw and heard on that memorable occasion must have made a deep impression upon their minds, and served to confirm them in the truths about which they had heard so much during their seven years' association with their Hebrew friends. Many of the Jewish Craftsmen were, no doubt, by this time well skilled in the science of architecture, and disposed to devote themselves to it in preference to their old occupation. They had also, probably, by association with others, witnessed the order, harmony, perpetual friendship and general benefits resulting from a practice of the secret Rites of the Tyrians or Dyonisians, and were ready to adopt them if they could be so modified as not to conflict with their own religious opinions and prejudices. The mythological fictions of the Tyrians it were easy to supercede by the great truths of the Hebrew system as revealed in 'the law and the prophets;' and events which had transpired during the progress of building the Temple (with which every Mason of to-day is familiar) could readily be substituted, in substance, for those prominent in the Dyonisian Rites. Here, in my opinion, was the commencement of the ancient Guilds or associations of Builders of different nations, which grew and spread, as their services were needed, down to the Middle Ages. The ancient Rites and ceremonies of the old Builders, adapted to the religious dogmas and ceremonies of the Hebrews, wedded to the moral truths taught in the Sacred Law, and baptized at the Altar of JEHOVAH. I will not say that it was the Freemasonry of to-day, but it was the beginning of those old Guilds of after ages the fruits of whose labours, though many of them in ruins, are the wonder and admiration of still later centuries: and these later associations of builders constituted the germ out of which grew the Freemasonry of the present.

"Our tradition and legends are linked with the architects of Tyre and Egypt and Phœnicia and Jerusalem; and these roots of a new and constantly improving system grew from shadow to substance, from root to tree, from germ to structure, until the culmination is now seen in the Masonic Fraternity everywhere. Our traditions and legends connect us, more or less directly, with these ancient rites and systems, but the particulars are shrouded and lost in the dim obscurity of more than three thousand years. I can account for the origin of Freemasonry, its Jewish lineaments, its adhesion to the moral law of the Bible, and its peculiar secrets, legends and traditions, on no other hypothesis than the one I have given; if any one else can, we shall not dispute about it.

"A fact connected with this theory is worthy of thoughtful consideration: the 'cunning workman' who drew the designs for that wonderful Temple, was of both Tyrian and Jewish extraction, and combined in himself the artistic skill of one nation with the religious tenets of the other. Jews could not build that Temple, for they had not the artistic skill; Tyrians could not do it, for they were ignorant of the rites and ceremonies of that religious system to be taught within Jew and Gentile, therefore combined to accomplish the work; and to this day, Jew and Gentile kneel side by side around the altars of Freemasonry, harmonizing antagonistic opinions, subduing discordant national prejudices, and thus are gathering the world into a universal harmony."

And here the old brother paused, while, pencil in hand, I looked up from my notes in admiration of the careful thought he had evidently bestowed upon his theory. He may be correct in his reasoning and deductions, and yet there may be latent errors in his views not discernible at first sight because of their plausibility. But what theory can be advanced on such a subject that is absolutely certain and incontrovertible?

What are the facts? Here is an association or fraternity of almost a million of members scattered over the world. In nearly everything they are a unit, their objects, aims and purposes the same. The organization is not political, nor ecclesiastical, nor mechanical, and yet it includes men of all religious creeds, of every party in politics, of all professions and callings. As I said at the beginning of this article, "Whence came they?" They did not grow out of the tribal dispersion of the children of Abraham; they are not the fragments of the persecuted and scattered Crusaders, they are not the outgrowth of a political idea nor a dogmatic creed—"Whence came they?"

The Masonic writers of a century and a half ago thought they could answer the question, but the answer has not stood the test of criticism. The clearest and most cultured minds of Europe and America have given the subject very careful consideration. With a deep anxiety about the question, and an earnest desire to solve the problem, oceans have been crossed, libraries, public and private, have been examined; money, and time, and thought have been devoted to this investigation, and yet we are still in the dark. Science has discovered wonders in nature and art; ancient history has become familiar to the school-boy; astronomy has almost become the plaything of amateurs; while nature, in air, and sea, and land has been tortured until its secrets have been revealed; but no man, no nation, no writer, no devotee of library or Lodge, no student, ancient and modern, has been able to give us a satisfactory answer to the query, "Whence came they?" Now is not this fact remarkable, and does it not reflect in some manner upon the intelligence of Freemasons? We know when creeds and churches took form and organisation; we know even when the Roman church became crystallized into a power that has sometimes ruled the world. We can point out the period when the Roman Empire was established—and when it fell. We can repeat the story of the Patriarchs, and become familiar with the dynasties of ancient Egypt or India—but when and where was Freemasonry born? Even its own members—the oldest and wisest of them—do not know! After all that has been said and written on the subject, it is still theory—guess work—tradition! Is not this astounding? There are still extant Lodges that have been organized for some three hundred years; yet an examination of their recorded transactions gives us no reliable information on the origin and history of the Order!

As we are still, partially at least, at sea on this question, may not the theory suggested in this article by our venerable brother be as nearly correct as any other? Yet we want certainty, or as near to it as can be attained. We want it for the satisfaction of the Craft at large, for the instruction of the neophyte, for the honour of the Order. We want it to refute the errors and to reply to the sarcasms and insults of our enemies; we want it to satisfy honest inquirers, and give the world assurance of our interest in an association of which we are proud to be members.

Now, how shall we obtain this knowledge—who will unravel the mystery, or point out the footprints of the Order along the track of the centuries, from the first impression to the present? Can it not be done? Are not the resources of the Craft equal to such an undertaking? The Knights Templars spent, perhaps, a million dollars last summer in a trip to Chicago; but there is not a Templar in America who knows with certainty when the first Commandery was formed on this continent, or under what authority!

But I will leave all this for the present, and probably for others; but give us light and reliable information on a question of so much importance.

THE PORTSMOUTH FREEMASONS' HALL AND CLUB COMPANY.—At the annual meeting on Monday, 4th instant, Alderman W. D. King, J.P., presiding, the directors presented a congratulatory report, and recommended, as the result of their nine months' account, a dividend at the rate of 2½ per cent. per annum from the commencement of the company in 1879 until the opening of the building by the P.G.M., and a further dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum until the end of the year. The inadequacy of the share capital to provide for the completion of the buildings, and furnish them throughout, had compelled the directors to borrow the sum of £1,200 from the bank. This sum the directors propose to raise by issuing debenture bonds to the shareholders, of the value of £20, redeemable at three months' notice, and bearing a guaranteed rate of 5 per cent. interest per annum, rather than to raise a mortgage or to increase the share capital, or to pay interest and commission to the bankers. The report was adopted. Messrs. T. Mares, T. Good, and G. Dean were elected directors; Messrs. T. P. Wills and C. J. Messum were re-appointed auditors, and thirty guineas were voted to the Secretary (Mr. E. S. Main) for his services.—*Portsmouth Times.*

The annual supper of The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, will take place at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C., on the 28th inst., when Bro. G. W. Blackie P.M. 1426 will preside. Tickets, 3s 6d each, may be had of Bro. C. F. Goodenough, Secretary *pro tem*, The Cottage, St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield, E.C.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Quarterly Court of this Institution's Governors and Subscribers was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Tavern, Col. Creaton in the chair. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Col. Creaton was re-elected Treasurer of the Institution. There were three vacancies on the General Committee, and these were supplied by the election of Bros. Beasley, Pugsley, and Cumberland. Bro. Thomas Massa then proceeded to bring on the following resolution, "That competition designs be invited from Freemason architects who are Governors of the Institution, for a preparatory school to be built on the newly-purchased site, facing Wandsworth-road, to accommodate the children now temporarily lodged in Lyncombe House, and fifty others in addition." Bro. Massa showed that the Craft had greatly increased in number, and that in a short time the present accommodation would not be sufficient. He also showed that Lyncombe House was not a suitable building. He also went into the questions whether the extension was required; could it be afforded; when should it be done; was a non-Freemason architect to be preferred to a brother; and was the newly-purchased ground the proper place on which to build an addition to the School? He showed that St. Anne's Society, with smaller funds, and also a limited area in which to seek support, did more for the money than the Masonic Girls' School, while it gave an equally good education. The motion was seconded by Bro. W. Hale. Bro. Gover moved the previous question, and Bro. Clabon in seconding it, appealed to Bro. Massa to withdraw his other four motions. When there was a necessity for an extension the Committee would report upon it, and the Craft would come forward with the necessary funds. At present no such necessity had been shown. "The previous question" was carried by a large majority, and Bro. Massa then withdrew his remaining motions. The brethren proceeded with the election of fifteen girls out of an approved list of twenty-eight. At the declaration of the poll, the following was the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on List	Names	Forward	To-day	Total
24	Anscombe Louisa Mary (last)	—	2064	2064
21	March Eliza Josephine (last)	—	2011	2011
15	Penny Edith Marion (last)	—	1857	1857
11	Townsend Emma Mary A	305	1508	1813
13	Tippler Susannah H M (last)	—	1614	1614
17	Smith Georgiana Louisa	—	1497	1497
20	Corps, Alice Caroline	—	1451	1451
9	Allison Anne Athalinda	364	1061	1425
10	Williamson Lelia	532	844	1376
27	Balch Gertrude Blanche	—	1302	1302
26	Wedgwood Minnie	—	1264	1264
12	Foxall Helen Matilda	—	1259	1259
25	James Florence	—	1221	1221
28	Rawle Utinia Annie	—	1209	1209
19	Eastwood Harriet Edith	—	1163	1163

UNSUCCESSFUL.

23	Orridge Edith Mary	—	1125	1125
16	Wyman Constance Faith	—	1025	1025
3	Deacon Emily (last)	314	505	819
18	Shrapnel Lilian Mary S	—	492	492
22	Walters Nellie Louise	—	316	316
1	Parker Elizabeth Minnie (last)	92	84	176
14	Cleaver Alice Gertrude	—	173	173
2	Brown Edith	93	17	110
5	Nicholls Augusta Helen	77	2	79
8	Turner Annie Elizabeth	9	36	45
4	Mc Kinney Margaret	8	11	19
6	Fry Martha Jane Choules	—	6	6
7	Gane Mary Larwill	—	2	2

QUARTERLY COURT OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of the Governors of and Subscribers to this Institution was held on Monday last, at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Henry Smith, Provincial Grand Secretary of West Yorkshire, presided. Bro. George Plucknett was re-elected Treasurer, and the General Committee of Life and Annual Subscribers were also re-elected. The following motions were on the paper:—

1. By Bro. Thomas Eutwisle, Vice-President, per Bro. C. F. Matier:—

To alter Law LV., by inserting after the word "livelihood" (at the end of Law) the words "in any of which cases, *except that of sudden death*, the father must have been a subscribing member to a Lodge for three years."

2. By Bro. A. J. Duff-Filer, Vice-Patron:—

In Law LXXII. (authorising a grant of money by the General Committee to a boy having left the Institution) to erase the words "twenty pounds" in line 2, and in lieu thereof to insert the words "forty pounds."

3. By resolution of the General Committee, on the recommendation of the House and Building Committee:—

That the House and Building Committee be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £700 in the enlargement of the Gymnasium, &c., rendered necessary by the increase in the number of boys from 100 to 215.

The first was altered, on the suggestion of Bro. W. Roebuck, by inserting the words "in the case of paralysis or sudden death from shipwreck or any other cause." The other two motions were carried as they stood. Scrutineers of votes were then appointed, and the brethren proceeded to elect twenty boys out of an approved list of seventy-two candidates, the Court having rejected one case. At the close of the poll the following was the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on List	Name	Forward	To-day	Total
41	Allan Alexander	910	802	1712
59	March George Archibald	—	1676	1676
56	Cairney Frederick W	—	1665	1665
62	Lucas William Walter	—	1656	1656
8	Woollons Walter H	803	841	1644
69	Rocke Ernest Charles	—	1623	1623
17	Wilson William Leslie	1238	374	1612
74	Whiteley Louis Lawton	—	1575	1575
39	Bladon Frederick Rowley	742	828	1570
72	Tink Henry James	—	1562	1562
10	Webb Charles Edward	330	1200	1530
64	Conway Walter	—	1522	1522
40	Tanner Frederick Thomas	422	1032	1454
22	Williams William Isaac	320	1131	1451
15	Lucas Edmund Charles	968	477	1445
36	Lewis Alfred Lucas	925	506	1431
53	Bloomfield John	—	1423	1423
75	Wicks Grantley	—	1385	1385
13	Estlin Charles Nathaniel	896	469	1365
24	Carey Stephen Darcy	940	416	1356

UNSUCCESSFUL.

3	Fellows Arthur	714	597	1311
33	Wortley George	542	711	1253
25	Gurney Charles Aubrey	761	464	1225
9	Lee Sidney Edward	662	472	1134
58	Mott Pierce Henry	—	1113	1113
21	Ecclestone Henry A	741	346	1087
34	Jordison Hugh Lloyd	264	686	950
30	Hill George Wm. King	294	593	887
54	Kirkby Alfred	—	821	821
38	Stanford William Bryant	32	733	765
19	Clark Frederick Arthur	555	112	667
14	Watson William Renwick	243	388	631
6	Neville Fredk. John	409	119	528
26	Langdon James	194	332	526
55	Taylor George William	—	442	442
16	Gunnell William Pearse	371	—	371
60	Ashdown, Arthur Durham	—	352	352
4	Goldsbrough Jno. Tom	338	12	350
2	Crane Harry Samuel J	316	19	335
37	Booth Frederic	197	129	326
32	Jones Cleophas C B	237	84	321
51	Stewart Charles Edward	—	293	293
18	Field Chas. S Ventris	136	150	286
29	Burgess Harold Thomas	6	268	274
67	Crow Charlie John	—	249	249
63	Skelton Fred. Francis	—	243	243
31	Sisley Walter John	66	122	188
20	Jones Wm. Vincent B	15	154	169
11	Ball Edward Thomas	163	—	163
35	Liversidge Charles Percy	56	91	147
44	Long Joseph William	113	31	144
47	Fowke Alexander W	—	122	122
42	Thompson Clement Wm.	45	68	113
65	Willett George Cross	—	100	100
23	Escott Charles Leopold	94	—	94
—	Read John	34	34	68
48	Pudney Frederick	—	61	61
43	Crabb Tom Walcot	43	6	49
70	Legge Vernon G (withdrawn)	—	43	43
68	Cummings Charles Brown	—	35	35
72	Jones Geoffrey Stuart	—	32	32
27	Collinson James	26	1	27
50	Sowdon Sidney	—	26	26
12	Laing Herbert Lawson	14	8	22
46	Humphrey John	11	10	21
61	Gosden W H (withdrawn)	—	8	8
52	Lewis O E "	—	8	8
45	Hill Reginald Aug. L	1	2	3
7	Pratt Robert Williamson	2	—	2
49	Sandeson Charles Jesse	—	2	2
57	Windross John Benjamin	—	2	2
74	Cook Frederick John	—	1	1
28	Farrar Ethelbert	1	—	1
66	Morris Henry E (removed)	—	—	—
5	Foot William Robert D	—	—	—
76	Bottomley Albert Will	—	—	—

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and Chairman closed the proceedings.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—In all sores, wounds, bad legs, and sprains of any kind, this Ointment is the most efficient application. It at once gives ease by allaying inflammation and moderating the flow of blood to the part. Whenever the malady has been of long standing, the Ointment should be assisted by Holloway's purifying Pills, which act upon the stomach and liver, guarding the digestion from falling into that disordered state which the pain, restlessness, and fever attending these ailments is apt to produce, and which much retards recovery, and sometimes even makes serious the slightest case. No mother or nurse should be without these noble remedies; they are equally applicable to all ages and constitutions. They purify the blood, regulate its circulation, renew diseased structures, and invigorate the system.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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STRONG MAN LODGE, No. 45.

THE annual meeting of this old Lodge was held at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street, on Thursday, the 7th inst., on which occasion Bro. C. Cordingley was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. S. B. Halle, the W.M. of the past year, presided at the opening of the Lodge, being supported by Bros. C. Cordingley S.W., the W.M. elect, W. A. S. Humphries J.W., H. Follett Treasurer, A. A. Wing Secretary, W. Ball S.D., J. Smith J.D., H. J. Nell I.G., and F. M. H. Jones Steward, several members, and the following Past Masters:—Bros. Dyer, Sawyer, Symons, Jones, Moss, and Reed. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Upjohn and Bolt, candidates for the second degree, were prepared, and in due course passed as Fellow Crafts. On the resumption of the Lodge to the first degree, the ballot was taken and proved unanimous in favour of Messrs. Ritter and Murphy, the initiation of whom is expected to take place at the next meeting. The installation of Worshipful Master was next proceeded with, Bro. G. G. Symons assuming the gavel as Installing Master. He performed the ceremony in a clear, distinct, and effective manner, being ably assisted in the work by Bro. P.M. Moss, who acted as Director of Ceremonies. The newly-installed Master having been saluted in due form, appointed the following brethren as his Officers:—Humphries S.W., Ball J.W., Follett Treasurer, Wing Secretary, Smith S.D., Nell J.D., Jones I.G., Callow and Hunt Stewards, Steed Tyler. The ceremony was then completed, and the Lodge closed until the first Thursday in May. The brethren next proceeded to the banquet-room, where a first-rate repast was provided by the proprietors of the tavern. The W.M. presided, and in due course proceeded with the toasts of the evening. The customary loyal ones having been honoured, the I.P.M. proposed that of the Master, paying a just compliment to Bro. Cordingley for the way in which he had fulfilled the duties of his office in the past, and wishing him every success and prosperity in the future. The W.M. tendered his hearty thanks to the brethren for the way in which they had responded to the call of the I.P.M. He hoped when his term of office had expired to leave the chair with the esteem of the brethren. He then proposed the health of the I.P.M., presenting him, in the name of the Lodge, with a Past Master's jewel, as a memento of the year during which he had presided over the Lodge. Bro. Halle expressed his sincere thanks for the great kindness that he experienced during his term of Mastership. Whatever he had done he had undertaken for the advancement of Freemasonry. He had endeavoured to do his best during his year of office, and should always hold his services at the disposal of the Lodge. The toast of the visitors followed. The W.M. heartily welcomed the numerous guests around him—there were among them many brethren who were honoured, not only in the Craft, but also in private life—they were all welcome, and the W.M. trusted had thoroughly enjoyed themselves. If the Strong Man Lodge should at any time lack in the good cause, the W.M. felt assured it would never lose its reputation in respect of hospitality, which characteristic of Freemasonry the members of the Lodge were one and all anxious at all times to exemplify. After a reply from a visiting brother, the W.M. gave the health of the Past Masters, which toast Bro. Moss acknowledged in suitable terms. The Treasurer, Secretary and Officers then each received their meed of praise, and the proceedings terminated.

UNITED LODGE, No. 607.

THE annual Festival of this Lodge was held on Friday afternoon, 8th April, when Lieut. Colonel H. Somerville Burney Grand Deacon of England, and one of the Founders of 607, again attended to perform the Installation ceremony. The W.M. Elect was Bro. A. Gosling S.W., and he appointed the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Thomas G. Mills S.W., G. A. Eustace J.W., Rev. E. H. Crate P.M. Chaplain, Thomas Eustace I.P.M. Treasurer, Thomas Rix P.M. Sec., C. D. Marshall S.D., R. Smith J.D., W. Jelley D.C., John B. Lugar Organist, S. H. Ellis I.G., Quarter Master Sergeant Foreman, George Littlebury, and J. T. Bailey Stewards, S. Munson Tyler. About forty brethren afterwards dined together at the George Hotel, a *récherché* banquet being placed on the table by Mrs. Guiver. The usual toasts were given and responded to on the removal of the cloth; and some excellent singing by the brethren added greatly to the pleasures of the evening. Among those present, either at Lodge or banquet, were Wor. Bros. Lieut. Colonel H. Somerville Burney J.G.D., Thomas J. Ralling P.G. Sec. Essex, John J. C. Turner W.M. 51 P.P.G.O., John F. Harrington W.M. 160, John Dean W.M. 433, J. E. Wiseman P.M. and Sec. 433 P.P.G.A.D.C., J. E. Richardson P.M. 433 P.P.G.S.B., W. Clarey P.M. 433, Thomas Jennings W.M. 650, F. J. Wiseman W.M. 1734, F. Fleck P.M. 771, W. Sowman J.W. 51, G. F. Smith jun. J.W. 1839, H. Harper S.W. 160, R. H. Scott Sec. 1799, A. Smith 1799, W. Bloom 1799, J. F. French 433, and the following members of 607, in addition to those already mentioned above:—Bros. R. E. Clowes, J. Durrant, J. H. Johnson, Thomas Matthewman, J. W. Alliston, T. H. Gravelock, R. Foster, J. J. Wade, R. J. Godfrey, J. Alliston, W. C. Potter, W. G. Siggers, &c.

STRAWBERRY HILL LODGE, No. 946.

THE genial spring weather which has happily set in made the run down to Twickenham, on Wednesday last, exceedingly pleasant, and a large company assembled at the Grotto Hotel to witness the installation of Bro. W. H. Rohrs as W.M. of this Lodge. The brethren present at the ceremony included the following members of the Lodge, viz.—P.M.'s Bros. G. Mayon Cooke, T. Price, R. T. Whitley, W. H. Waghorn, J. M. Wohlgemuth, W. Platt Sec., W. Smeed, A. Johnson, J. J. Pope; also Bros. J. L. Skinner, J. Aston, A. T. Ackermann, W. Board, J. S. Sweasey, A. Loft, W. S. Bell, Charles Moore, E. D. Garwood, P. V. D'Ifinger, A. Bliss, S. Jewell, E. Burke, A. B. Weston, C. Holland, G. Parkes, and others. There was also a large attendance of visitors, among whom we noticed Bros. William Jones P.M. 765, J. Wright P.M. 1585, A. Green P.M. 211, W. Radcliffe I.P.M. 211, R. W. Forge I.P.M. and Secretary 1793, J. Pillar W.M. 1793, Thomas Goodchild S.D. 1793, J. Greenfield J.D. 1602, T. J. Arnold 780, W. G. Smeed 1585, G. H. McLoughlin 1706, E. H. Dove 15, D. W. Tough 905, H. Handel 1793, W. J. House 1828, W. G. Collier 1793, and others. After the despatch of general business in the Lodge, Bro. Daniel Argyle the W.M. presented Bro. Rohrs S.W. to the Installing Master, Bro. W. Smeed P.M. and P.P.G.S.W. Mid., and the ceremony of installation was then proceeded with. Many of our readers have doubtless had the opportunity of hearing Brother Smeed's masterly delivery of this beautiful service. On this occasion every line of the sublime charges was given with point and emphasis, and made a deep impression upon the brethren. After receiving the warm congratulations of those present, the newly appointed W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Skinner S.W., Aston J.W., Beard S.D., D'Ifanger J.D., Parkes I.G., Wohlgemuth Treasurer, W. Platt Secretary, Bliss Organist, Ackermann Director of Ceremonies. The brethren then adjourned to a splendid banquet, provided by Bro. Garwood, who has recently enlarged his dining room, so as to give ample accommodation for a party of sixty or seventy persons. After the usual loyal toasts had been duly honoured, the W.M., in proposing the health of the Provincial Grand Officers, alluded to the gratifying fact that two of their Past Masters had held honourable positions in the Province as P.G.J.W. and P.G.A.D.C., viz., Bros. Smeed and Whitley, whose names he coupled with the toast. These brethren having suitably responded, Bro. Smeed rose to propose the toast of the evening, and referring to the excellent social qualities of Bro. Rohrs, took occasion to say that he believed the brethren had selected one to rule over their affairs who would prove himself in every respect worthy of their choice. Bro. Rohrs was universally esteemed both in and out of the Lodge, and being an earnest and painstaking Mason, would, he hoped, meet with the success he deserved during his tenure of the chair. The W.M., in replying, wished to thank the brethren for the kindness and assistance he had always experienced from them during his progress through the different offices, and assured them that no effort should be wanting on his part to merit a continuance of their esteem and goodwill, whilst his chief aim would be to uphold the dignity and credit which the Lodge at present enjoyed. In felicitous terms, the W.M. next proposed the health of the Installing Master, and elicited hearty applause from the brethren from his allusion to the many valuable services rendered to the Lodge by Bro. Smeed. The latter, in thanking the W.M. and brethren for the compliment paid him, referred to the fact that he was initiated in the Lodge eighteen years ago, and although he could not expect the Grand Architect of the Universe to bestow upon him many more years of strength and activity, he should continue, so long as he was able, to devote his best energies to the Lodge to which he was so warmly attached. The W.M. next gave the toast of the Past Masters, which was replied to by all the brethren present holding that rank, Bros. Argyle and Cooke observing that this was an age of progress, and that the Strawberry Hill Lodge was keeping pace with the time, and enlarging its sphere of social intercourse and usefulness. The W.M. then gave the toast of the Visitors, remarking that several among them had achieved honourable distinction in Freemasonry, and were therefore well able to judge of the position which the Strawberry Hill Lodge was entitled to hold in the Craft. Bros. Jones, Wright, Radcliffe, Green, and others, in responding, bore testimony to the cordial hospitality for which the Lodge was distinguished at all times, and expressed the pleasure they had derived from hearing the installation ceremony so ably performed by Bro. Smeed that evening. Bro. McLoughlin, who was understood to have recently made an appeal on the Stock Exchange, with most successful results, on behalf of one of the charitable institutions of the metropolis, advocated the cause of the Masonic Schools, and hoped the brethren would do what they could in the cause of Charity with all their heart. During the evening several of the brethren contributed some excellent songs, and we must speak in the highest terms of Bro. Ross Browne, who gave several character songs in most artistic style, without the aid of pianoforte accompaniment. Altogether this was one of the most agreeable and successful evenings we have had the pleasure of spending at the Strawberry Hill Lodge.

HERVEY LODGE, No. 1260.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, 13th inst., on which occasion the following brethren were present: — C. Atkins W.M., O. L. M. Letreille S.W., A. Rosenthall J.W., Dr. Jabez Hogg P.M. P.G.D. Treasurer, J. H. Southwood P.M. Secretary, W. Ryan S.D., H. Evans J.D., G. T. Salmon I.G., F. A. Beeton D.C., H. J. Dean Organist; several other members of the Lodge, and the following visitors:—Bros. R. F. Gould P.M. 92 S.G.D., A. Mullord W.M. 1288, G. Short, W. Toombs, W. R. Lister P.M. 145, J. Batchelor, F. G. Baker P.M. 753, L. Hiong, E. B. Grabham, John Green P.M. 27, G. Andrews, W. Davies, F. G. Longley P.M. 1261, J. B Sorrell jun. P.M. 176, J. I. Cantle P.M. 1257, &c. The amount of work which had to be got through was exceptionally heavy, especially for an installation meeting, and as a consequence it was not until a very late hour that the proceedings terminated. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular Lodge and a Lodge of emergency were read and confirmed, after which Bros. Frank Taylor and William Renner were

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passed. The ballot was brought into requisition and proved unanimous in favour of two gentlemen proposed for initiation, and of Bro. H. F. Frost, a candidate for joining. The two former—Messrs. Samuel Hart Baker and Henry Hooker—were then introduced and received, at the hands of the W.M. the benefit of Masonic light. The report of the Audit Committee was passed, and then the installation of Bro. O. L. M. Latreille was proceeded with. The ceremony was most effectively performed by the I.P.M. Bro. Atkins. In due course the W.M. invested his Officers, the following brethren being appointed for the year:—Rosenthall S.W., Evans J.W., Hogg Treasurer, Atkins Secretary, Salmon S.D., Beeton J.D., J. H. Southwood and Captain Joseph Heaton M.C.'s, Dean Organist, James Mansell I.G., Cox and Reason Stewards, C. T. Speight Tyler. This concluded the business set down for the evening. Before the W.M. closed the Lodge, he presented to Bro. Atkins the regular P.M.'s jewel of the Lodge. He had very great pleasure in placing it on the breast of Bro. Atkins, to whom he presented it on the unanimous vote of the members, as a small mark of their esteem, and in recognition of the great services he had rendered to the Lodge. He trusted it would be accepted with the same kindly feeling as it was presented, and that Bro. Atkins might long live to look upon it as a pleasing memento of his year of office. Bro. Atkins having tendered his thanks, Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg desired to draw the attention of the brethren to the Hervey Memorial Fund, which had lately been started. The subject had been referred to at a previous meeting, but as so few of the members were then present, no action was taken in the matter. Bro. Hogg could but feel somewhat disgusted that the committee had taken the step they had, and had so utterly ignored the existence of the John Hervey Lodge, which, he ventured to think, was the most fitting memorial to their late respected brother the Craft could provide. He believed every brother around him—visitors as well as members—would agree with him in this respect. He considered the action of the committee disrespectful and un-Masonic. He therefore submitted the following proposition:—That in the opinion of the W.M. and brethren of the John Hervey Lodge no better nor more fitting memorial of the late much and sincerely respected Brother, John Hervey, could be founded than that for some years in existence; the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260 on the books of the Grand Lodge of England, and founded for the express purpose of perpetuating the honoured name of John Hervey amongst Freemasons. The regulation jewel of the P.M. of the Lodge bears his effigy in portrait, and a flourishing Chapter, also bearing his name, has emanated from the John Hervey Lodge. Amongst the names of the founders of the Lodge will be found enrolled that of John Hervey, together with other Grand Officers; at the consecration of which he presided, remaining an honorary member and manifesting great interest in the prosperity of the Lodge to the day of his death. The W.M. and brethren then cannot but feel surprise on finding its existence totally ignored by those who had thought proper to inaugurate a Hervey Memorial Fund, and that the Officers of the John Hervey Lodge should not have been more formally communicated with than by a printed circular prepared for general circulation amongst the Craft. Bro. J. H. Southwood seconded the proposition, feeling assured that members of the Craft would understand the feelings with which the members of the Lodge were actuated. They fully recognised the claims the late John Hervey had on the Craft, and were not desirous of acting in opposition to the Committee, but they at the same time felt somewhat the slight that had been cast upon them. He thought the Committee might have communicated with the Lodge, with the view of connecting what was to be done in the future with the already existing mementoes of Bro. Hervey. By special permission of the Grand Master, they had been allowed to add the prefix John to the name by which the Lodge was known at its consecration, and all this had been done that a lasting memento of a worthy brother might be established. The proposition of Bro. Hogg was then put to the meeting, and adopted, the Secretary being instructed to send to the Committee a copy of the resolution. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Crown room, where a first-rate banquet was served. This concluded, the usual toasts followed. Replying to that of the Grand Officers, Bro. R. F. Gould S.G.D. said, that in a Lodge called after so honoured a Grand Officer as the late Grand Secretary, and which still numbered among its members so worthy a representative of Grand Lodge as Bro. Hogg, it was but natural that the toast should be well received. It was the earnest wish of the present Grand Officers to tread as much as possible in the footsteps of those who had gone before, and whose management of the affairs of Grand Lodge had secured for it the respect of Masons throughout the country. Bro. Gould briefly referred to the discussion which had taken place in Lodge as to the Hervey Memorial, and thought that were it possible for their departed brother to be then amongst them, he could but be satisfied with the memorial that the Lodge presented, exemplifying as it did those principles of which during his lifetime he was so worthy an exponent. Bro. Atkins next gave the toast of the W.M. He had very great pleasure in resigning the office which the brethren so kindly entrusted to him when he looked upon the worthy brother who had succeeded him. He believed it was but four years since Bro. Latreille had been initiated in the Lodge. He had early evinced a desire to work up in Freemasonry, and the result was that, in so short a time, he had been elected by the brethren to preside over the Lodge. Bro. Latreille scarcely felt able to express his thanks. He took upon himself the responsibility of W.M. of the Lodge with some degree of pleasure, but at the same time he was not unmindful of its responsibility. He should endeavour to fulfil all that was required of a W.M. as laid down in the Book of Constitutions, and hoped he might, on attaining the position then occupied by Bro. Atkins, be entitled to the approval of the brethren. The toast of the Initiates followed, the W.M. taking the opportunity to address a few suitable words to the brethren who had that evening been admitted. Bro. Baker felt that, standing as he did on the threshold of Freemasonry, a few words would suffice from him. He hoped the brethren might never regret the action they had taken that day in admitting him as a member of the Lodge. Bro. Hooker expressed his sincere thanks to the brethren for having received him, and trusted he might long remain a member of the Lodge. The toast of the Visitors followed, Bros. Gould and others acknowledging it. That of the I.P.M. was next given. Bro. Atkins, in replying, expressed the pleasure it had afforded him that day to instal his successor. He sincerely hoped that the Lodge would go on and continue to prosper. He was particularly gratified at the kind way in which the brethren had recognised the little he had been able to do for the Lodge; he should always prize the jewel they had given him. When, a few years since, he joined the Lodge, he little thought he should so soon become its Master, and be entitled to wear the jewel of P.M. thereof. The health of the Treasurer, Secretary, and Past Masters was most heartily received, and acknowledged by Bros. Hogg and Southwood. The Press was next honoured, and to this toast Bro. Morgan briefly replied. The Tyler was then summoned, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 13th April, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. W. Ferguson W.M., J. Early Danks I.P.M., Blackwell S.W., R. Dowsett J.W., Ivey P.M. Secretary, Rev. C. R. Honey S.D., J. H. Hawkes J.D., W. J. Browne D.C., Ravenscroft Steward, Newman Almoner, Prickett I.G., Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Hurley, Flanagan, Margrett, Welch; also Bros. Whitfield, Bailey, Parks, Coates, Titcomb, Cotterell, Greenaway, H. Ferguson, Knight, James, Hukins, Goff, Weatherhead. Visitors—Bros. C. Stephens W.M. 414, F. J. Ferguson J.W. 414, A. W. Parry J.D. 414, Butler and Martin Stewards 414, J. F. Tarrant Southern Star 1158. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Marmakuke Sands, who was elected for initiation. Bros. Parkes, Coates, Cotterell and Whitfield were candidates for passing; they gave proof of their efficiency, were entrusted, and retired. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, Bros. Parkes, Coates, Cotterell and Whitfield were passed to the degree of F.C., Bro. Greenaway a candidate to be raised to the third degree gave satisfactory proof of his efficiency and was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the beautiful ceremony was correctly rendered, the effect being considerably enhanced by the vocal and instrumental music, under the direction of Bro. Ravenscroft, the acting Organist. On resuming, the W.M. called attention to a communication he had received from the Hervey Memorial Committee; he found that Lodges, as well as individuals, had contributed in sums varying from one to ten guineas; he requested the brethren to express their sentiments on the subject. After some discussion P.M. Margrett proposed that the matter should be deferred till after the Provincial Grand Lodge had met, as the subscription list would not be closed till the end of the year—in this the Lodge acquiesced. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and the brethren retired for refreshment to the Ship Hotel.

St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1766.—The last meeting previous to the summer vacation was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, 6th inst., when there was a full attendance. Bro. C. F. Barham W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. G. T. Barr I.P.M., L. Stean P.M., E. Benjamin S.W., J. A. Jones J.W., Rev. H. G. Henderson Chaplain, C. Stevens Treasurer, J. Cox Secretary, A. A. Clement S.D., J. Funston J.D., E. Walker I.G., F. Matthews D.C., G. C. Young Organist, R. Drysdale and H. J. Thrower Stewards, C. T. Speight Tyler. In addition to about twenty members, there were the following visiting brethren:—Bros. Major John Dunbar 487, W. S. Gedge 228, G. J. Freeman 1613, W. H. Gimingham 1707, S. Smither 193, L. Dyer 1366, C. Steel 1365, E. P. Phillips 1017. The Lodge having been opened in the several degrees, Bros. Barratt and R. H. Drysdale were raised to the degree of M.M. Mr. Samuel Fennell, having been duly approved, was initiated into the mysteries of the Order. The ceremonies were admirably and impressively worked by the W.M. and his Officers. The distinguishing characteristic of Masonry was exemplified in the voting and raising of upwards of £20 for a brother who had met with misfortune. Some further business was also transacted, and the Lodge was adjourned till October. After an excellent banquet, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and several of the speeches referred to the advantages of the Craft both in England and when travelling in all parts of the world, one of the visitors having been a member of a Lodge during the Crimean war, and since that time in India, Malta, Corfu, and other places. The evening was a pleasant one in all its stages.

Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839.—The regular meeting of this new Lodge was held on the 9th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros T. C. Corpe W.M., Dr. W. G. Bott S.W., Smith J.W., J. W. Dewsnap Treasurer, J. W. Brooke I.P.M. Sec., J. C. Wilkins J.D., Smith sen. D.C., Captain Farse W.S. Visitors—A. C. Payne 192, Cattermole 1808, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the emergency meeting, and the regular Lodge were read and confirmed. Bros. H. S. Trego, F. Gent, and J. Da Silva were passed to the second degree. A ballot was taken for Mr. A. T. Baschinski, and was unanimously in his favour. This gentleman was then duly initiated into the Order. The W.M. rendered the ceremonies most perfectly. The charge in the first degree, so seldom given, was listened to by the brethren and Visitors with great attention. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. Dr. W. G. Bott was unanimously chosen. The W.M. complimented him as one of the founders on having been elected; the members were satisfied that he was competent to carry out the duties. A suitable reply having been given by the W.M. elect, Bro. Dewsnap was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Goddard P.M. Tyler. Bros. Cattermole, Marais, and Watts were appointed

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Auditors. The S.W. proposed that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge for the purpose of presenting the W.M. with a P.M.'s jewel, for the able and efficient manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair. The Secretary announced that, by permission of the Grand Secretary, the night of meeting had been changed from the last Thursday in the month to the second Saturday. The resignation of a brother was accepted. It was then announced that the brethren intended to form a Chapter in connection with the Lodge, and a motion to that effect was given and carried unanimously. Lodge was closed until the second Saturday in September. The brethren afterwards sat down to a substantial repast, provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. Dawkins. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Brooke I.P.M. rose: This was the last time he should have the pleasure of proposing the health of the W.M., who, in surrendering the reins of government, might feel proud to know that the members thought no Master of a Lodge could have done his duties better. The W.M. thanked Bro. Brooke for his kind expressions, and the enthusiastic way the brethren had responded; in resigning the gavel to his successor, he felt sure Bro. Dr. Bott would fully carry out the duties required of him. Personally it was a source of great pleasure to know the members were satisfied. His only regret was that he had to leave the chair; however, he would always be with them, heart and soul. The toast of the Initiate was next given, the W.M. expressing a hope that Bro. Baschinski would never regret this, his first night in Freemasonry. After this compliment had been acknowledged, the W.M. proposed the health of the I.P.M. For the Visitors Bros. Payne, H. M. Levy and Cattermole replied; the latter brother intimating his wish to become a joining member. The Officers received their meed of praise, and in due course the Tyler gave the parting toast. Bros. Trego, Mus. Bac., Smith, R.A.M., Marcus, Cattermole, Gaspeg, and Gent contributed to the harmony of the evening.

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THE ATTENDANCE OF PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent signing himself "E. VAN DONOP" has taken a great liberty in writing you upon the absence of the Past Masters from the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1612, on the occasion of the last meeting. I charge him with this for the following reasons:—

1st. His knowledge comes from a *report*.

2nd. His general information is obtained from *members*, some of whom he knows, &c.

3rd. He *hears* this is not the first time they have been away, &c. I should like to know what business it is of "E. VAN DONOP'S?" According to his own showing, he has no further interest in the Lodge than "knowing some of its members." Is he one of those pests of society, particularly Freemasonry, who neglects his own business to meddle with the affairs of others?

If he is in a position to gain so much information from his friends as he represents, he would have heard I was ill and confined to my house; that Bro. Coombes was kindly attending to my business; that Bro. Rowley lives at Brighton, and Bro. Somers was unable to attend owing to some important engagement.

The letter addressed to you would lead to the inference that the Past Masters were frequently absent. So far as my knowledge goes, this is the first occasion since the Lodge was founded.

I hope, after this explanation, your correspondent will be good enough to mind his own business, and not take upon himself the questionable honour of blazing forth the shortcomings of others.

Yours fraternally,

EDWARD G. SIMS.

Queen Victoria-street, E.C.
12th April 1881.

FREEMASONRY IN SURREY.

To the Editor of the WALLINGTON AND CARSHALTON HERALD.

SIR,—I read with considerable pleasure your report of the consecration of the Wallington Lodge, which gave a very full and lucid statement of the meeting, setting forth the character of the institution and the kindliness of its teaching. I, as one living in Epsom, cannot but envy Wallington in being able to start so admirable a society, and I sincerely wish them success.

I observed in your paper some short time since that we were likely to have a Lodge opened in this town, and have been anxiously waiting to hear further particulars concerning it. I trust that the idea is not abandoned, and that before long we shall vie with our neighbour Wallington, and be able to start a good Lodge. I for one look for great and good things that will, I am sure, arise from such a beneficent society, as I feel sure that it would tend to unite and bring together many who would not otherwise meet, and by so doing contribute greatly to the progress and welfare of our town.

Yours truly,

Epsom, 31st March. EPSOMITE.

DEATH.

PLUMRIDGE.—On Sunday, 13th March 1881, in his 41st year, Brother JAMES THOMAS PLUMRIDGE, of the Southwark Lodge, No. 879.

GRAND CHAPTER OF PRINCE MASONS OF IRELAND.

THE Triennial Convocation of the Prince Masons of Ireland will be held at the Chapter Rooms, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on Friday, the 22nd April 1881, at six o'clock p.m. The Hon. Judge Townshend, LL.D., President of the Order, will preside. A report as to the progress and present position of the Order in Ireland will be presented to Grand Chapter. The banquet will take place at seven o'clock. All duly vouched members of the Rose Croix Degree are admissible.

Several Installation Reports are unavoidably held over, notably those of the St. Marylebone, Dalhousie, and Polish National Lodges.

A MASONIC PATRIARCH.—Bro. John Wiggington, the oldest Freemason in England, died on Friday last, at the age of ninety-one. Initiated in 1818, in the Etonian Lodge, No. 209, he soon attained the rank of P.M., and was the father of the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, in which also he passed the chair. On his jubilee of Masonry he resigned the Treasurership of the latter Lodge—having held it for thirty years—and was presented with a magnificent jewel and illuminated address. Past Grand Senior Warden for Berkshire, he was closely identified with all Masonic works, and greatly assisted in the establishing of the Masonic Hall at Windsor, continuing his connection with Masonry to the last. He was also the oldest Companion in the Royal Arch. He was to have been interred at Eton on Thursday.

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AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THIS INSTITUTION, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, 9th April 1881,

Colonel J. CREATON, Treasurer and Trustee, in the Chair.

After the General Business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election by Ballot of 15 Girls into the Institution, from a List of 28 approved CANDIDATES, when the following were declared duly ELECTED:—

No. on List		Votes	No. on Poll
24	Anscombe, Louisa Mary	2084	1
21	March, Eliza Josephine	2011	2
15	Penny, Edith Marion	1857	3
11	Townsend, Emma Mary A.	1813	4
13	Tippler, Susannah Harriet M.	1614	5
17	Smith, Georgiana Louisa	1497	6
20	Corps, Alice Caroline	1451	7
8	Allison, Anne Athalinda	1425	8
10	Williamson, Lelia	1376	9
27	Balch, Gertrude Blanche	1302	10
26	Wedgwood, Minnie	1264	11
12	Foxall, Ellen Matilda	1250	12
25	James, Florence	1221	13
28	Lawle, Utinia Annie	1209	14
19	Eastwood, Harriet Edith	1163	15

The votes recorded for unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to their credit at the next election if eligible. Lists showing the votes polled for successful and unsuccessful candidates may be obtained at the office.

F. R. W. HEDGES,
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THE NINETY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will take place on Wednesday, 18th May next,

The Rt. Hon. Sir MICHAEL E. HICKS BEACH, Bart., M.P.
R.W. Prov. G.M. for Gloucestershire,

in the Chair. Stewards are urgently needed.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls—April Election.

MRS. PENNY desires to return her grateful thanks for the support given to the case of her daughter, Edith Marion Penny, which will entitle the child to the inestimable benefits of the Institution, she having been placed third on the poll.

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AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on Monday, the 11th day of April 1881,

Bro. HENRY SMITH, V. Patron (P.P.G.W. and Prov. G. Sec., W. Yorkshire), in the Chair.

A Ballot took place for the Election of Twenty Boys from an Approved List of Seventy-six Candidates, reduced by three withdrawals to Seventy-three.

The following were declared to be successful:—

		Votes Polled			Votes Polled
1.	Allan, Alexander... ...	1712	11.	Webb, Charles Edward	1530
2.	March, George Archibald	1678	12.	Conway, Walter ...	1522
3.	Cairney, Frederick William	1665	13.	Tanner, Frederick Thomas	1454
4.	Lucas, William Walter	1656	14.	William, William Isaacs	1451
5.	Woollons, Walter Herbert	1644	15.	Lucas, Edward Charles	1445
6.	Rocke, Ernest Charles ...	1623	16.	Lewis, Alfred Lucas ...	1431
7.	Wilson, William Leslie ...	1612	17.	Bloomfield, John ...	1423
8.	Whiteley, Lewis Lawton	1575	18.	Wick, Grantly	1385
9.	Bladon, Frederick Rowley	1570	*19.	Ethlieu, Charles Nath...	1365
10.	Pink, Henry James ...	1562	*20.	Carey, Stephen Darcey	1356

* Subject to investigation.

Lists of Candidates, successful and unsuccessful, with full particulars of polling, &c., may be had on application at the Office. Votes of the unsuccessful Candidates will be carried to the credit of those qualified for Election in October next.

FREDERICK BINCKES, V. Patron (P.G. Std.), Secretary.

London, 11th April 1881.

THE EIGHTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held on Wednesday, 29th June 1881,

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LODGE HISTORIES.

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JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

(Continued from p 250.)

Early in January 1843, Bro. Moses Levy was duly installed Worshipful Master, in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters, among whom was the late Bro. Alex. Dobie P.G.J.D. and President of the Board of General Purposes. Bro. Lazarus was re-appointed to the office of Secretary, and later in the evening was presented with a silver Tea Service, in accordance with the recommendation of the Audit Committee passed the month previous. The teapot bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to Bro. S. M. Lazarus by the members of the Lodge of Joppa, No. 223, in testimony of their Fraternal regard and esteem, for the indefatigable zeal and exertion he has manifested on all Masonic occasions as their Honorary Secretary for five successive years. 4th January 1843."

The report of the Audit Committee showed a balance in hand amounting to £28. At the March meeting, on the proposition of Bro. A. Benjamin P.M., seconded by Bro. D. Moses, it was resolved that the Lodge do take some measures for purchasing a Life-Governorship to the Boys' School. At the meeting on the 1st May, announcement was made in open Lodge of the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, and the following entry, expressing the deep feeling of regret experienced by the Lodge at the melancholy event, was ordered to be made in the minutes:—

"His Royal Highness Prince Augustus Frederick was initiated into the mysteries of our Order, in the Royal York Lodge at Berlin in the year 1798, and on the 12th February 1812 was appointed Deputy Grand Master by His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, then Grand Master.

"On the 7th day of April 1813 His Royal Highness, then Duke of Sussex, was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge"—a few months later to the "United" Grand Lodge—"of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, to the great delight of all the Craft, and that His Royal Highness continued to fill that important office until the period of his decease, with unparalleled zeal, and with great advantage and satisfaction to the Order, and that His Royal Highness had thereby gained the sincere regard and fraternal affection of all the Brethren, until it pleased the Great Disposer of Events to remove His Royal Highness our Most Worshipful Grand Master from this Terrestrial Lodge, and we hope, to the Grand Celestial Lodge above: which melancholy event took place at Kensington Palace on Friday, the 21st day of April 1843, at a quarter past 12 o'clock a.m., to the great regret of all the Fraternity.

"Resolved unanimously—

"That the decease of His Royal Highness Prince Augustus Frederick, Duke of Sussex, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Earl of Inverness, Baron of Arklow, &c., &c., &c., Most Worshipful Grand Master, having caused the deepest grief, not only to the Craft in general, but to every Lodge in particular,

"This Lodge therefore feels itself called upon to testify their high respect for the eminent services, great talent, and unwearied exertions of their illustrious Grand Master during a period of thirty years, and to record on their minutes the expression of their veneration for his sacred memory.

"1st May 1843."

We may remark in passing that we have taken the liberty of slightly altering the description given at the outset. The words in the original state that on 7th April 1813, H.R.H. was appointed G. Master of the "*United* Grand Lodge," but there was no "*United* Grand Lodge" till December of that year. We think our friends of the Joppa will, under these circumstances, excuse the emendation.

But the entry of this minute in the Lodge Records was not the only mode adopted by the Lodge in order to show the respect in which they held the memory of their late chief. An emergency meeting was held on the 4th May—the day appointed for the obsequies of the illustrious Duke—in which the Lodge of Israel joined, when was held a Masonic funeral service in honour of the deceased. Everything was done to make the ceremony as solemn and impressive as possible. The Lodge was covered with black cloth, the furniture with black velvet; there were additional wax lights, the floor was strewn with flowers, and each brother carried a sprig of acacia. Bro. S. M. Lazarus acted as W. Master, Bro. Moses Levy, W.M. No. 223, as S.W., and Bro. Harris Barnett, No. 247—now Israel, No. 205—as J.W. Bro. J. L. Lyon delivered a most eloquent and appropriate oration, which was most reverently listened to by those brethren.

Very little else of moment happened during the year. In November a resolution was passed to the effect that a return be made of the number of initiates during the past seven years, the number and the name of the W. Master in each year being specified; but,

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as it turned out on inquiry that such a motion was contrary to the Constitutions, it was by permission withdrawn at the next meeting. In December Bro. Carstatt was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. David Moses being for the thirty-fourth time re-elected Treas., while Bro. Isaacs was re-appointed Tyler. The same month a further attempt appears to have been made to have the Lodge-quarters removed from the George and Vulture, but when it came to a vote, the motion was unsuccessful. In January 1844, Bro. Carstatt was installed, and at the next meeting votes of thanks were unanimously passed to Bro. Moses Levy, his predecessor, as well as to Bros. Daniel and Woolf, who occupied the chair in the years 1841 and 1842 respectively. At the same Lodge a motion, which Bro. Lazarus had some time previously given notice of, namely, that each member contribute an additional sixpence per quarter to what he already paid for Masonic charity, was carried unanimously. In April of this year, there is a singular entry, singular in this respect, that a brother is at the trouble of sending in a letter of resignation, while in a footnote it is stated that the brother in question withdrew his resignation, and remained a subscribing member. In the May minutes is entered an address of congratulation to the late Earl of Zetland on his appointment to the office of Most Worshipful Grand Master in succession to the late lamented Duke of Sussex. It may be said, indeed, that though the minutes of Joppa are not complete, nor anything in the way of models of what minutes should be, they nevertheless record very fully whatever of consequence happened during the period to which they relate. We have already seen this in the full and circumstantial record referring to the death of the Duke of Sussex, and here, within the brief period of a few months, is a second and almost equally prominent instance. But to return to this address to the late Earl of Zetland, which is as follows:—

"To the Right Honourable the Earl of Zetland, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England.

"May it please your Lordship,

"We, the Master, Past Masters, Wardens, Officers, and members of the Lodge of Joppa, No. 223, embrace the earliest opportunity of congratulating your Lordship on your accession to the chair of the United Grand Lodge of England.

"The house of Dundas has been for many years closely allied to the Craft, which has derived great advantages from its attachment to the Order.

"The many virtues of your late revered Father are well known and remembered by the Craft, and leave no doubt that they have descended to your Lordship.

"May the Great Architect of the Universe grant your Lordship health and length of days to preside over the Craft!

"Done in open Lodge at the George and Vulture Tavern, Cornhill, this 6th day of May, 1844.

(Signed) N. CARSTATT, W.M."

(Signed) S. M. Lazarus
Secretary.

An answer to this address was received in due course, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, but the space it should have occupied is left vacant.

In June, the petitions of the widows of two brethren for recommendation to the Lodge of Benevolence were rejected, one on account of some informality, and the other because it was beyond the date allowed by the Constitutions.

In September a letter of condolence with Bro. S. M. Levi was addressed to him on the death of his affianced bride, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. This letter of condolence was duly acknowledged. In December, Bros. Carstatt, David Moses, and Isaacs were re-elected W. Master, Treasurer, and Tyler respectively. We are not surprised that the first-named brother should have been re-chosen. During his term of office the number of initiates and joining members was very considerable, more so, indeed, than in any single year in the history of those Lodges whose minutes we have been privileged to examine. Moreover, the re-installation of Bro. Carstatt was made additionally prominent, the usual dinner being dispensed with, and a ball and supper substituted. At the meeting held the following month, a Committee, consisting of the W. Master, Past Masters, and Officers of the Lodge, was appointed for the purpose of revising the Lodge Bye-Laws. We also gather from a corrected statement of accounts that the balance in favour of the Lodge for the present month amounted to £38 12s 1d. In April, a resolution was unanimously passed to the effect that £5 be paid to the "Royal Masonic Annuitant Fund," in order to purchase a Life Governorship for fifteen years. In June it was arranged that the Lodge should adjourn till the month of September, the members to pay only half dues in the meantime. At a meeting on the 29th September, a complaint was submitted by Bro. F. I. Behrend, from Berlin, to the effect that he had been refused admission into the Royal York Lodge at Berlin, on the 19th May preceding, on the sole ground of his being of the Hebrew persuasion, and in accordance with his request a letter giving the requisite particulars was addressed to the Board of General Purposes in the following terms:—

"To the Worshipful the President, Vice-Presidents, and members of the Board of General Purposes,

"W. Sirs and Brethren,

"A complaint having been preferred by Bro. F. I. Behrend to the Lodge of Joppa, No. 223, in which he was initiated a member, against the Royal York Lodge at Berlin, for refusing him admittance into their Lodge on the 19th day of May 1845, solely on the grounds of his being of the Jewish religion, such being contrary to the principles of the Order, the Lodge of Joppa on the 29th September instant having taken the subject into their consideration, resolved unanimously to support and forward such complaint, which they hereby do, with all the original documents and translations to the Board of General Purposes, considering it a matter which deserves their serious consideration, more particularly as there is an exchange of representatives with the Grand Lodge of England and the Royal York Lodge at Berlin. Without entering at any length on the subject, as the enclosed documents will fully explain the nature thereof, date, and circumstances connected with it, the Lodge of Joppa sincerely hope the Board will give it such attention as a matter of so much importance requires, and will take such steps as will at once remove the barrier between Brother and Brother, and restore that fraternal feeling and bond of friendship which are cultivated throughout the Universe by Brethren of every creed, sect, and opinion.

"Done by Order of the Lodge,

(Signed) N. CARSTATT W.M.
S. LAZARUS Sec.

29th September 1845."

This letter appears to have been referred by the Board to the Earl of Zetland M.W.G.M., and his Lordship must have taken steps to remonstrate with the Royal York Lodge, for in the minutes of the 29th December is a letter addressed to the Grand Master, sincerely and gratefully thanking him for the manner in which he "introduced the subject to Grand Lodge, and the effective measures which" his Lordship intended "taking with the hope of relieving" Jewish brethren "from their present privation of participating in the privileges of the Order."

This letter was read at an emergency meeting, the chief business of the regular meeting having been, as usual, the election of W. Master, Treasurer, and Tyler, the choice of the Lodge falling upon Bros. Abrahams, David Moses, and Isaacs respectively. On the same occasion it was resolved that, in recognition of his valuable services as W. Master of the Lodge during his two years of office, Bro. Carstatt should be presented with a Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas. In January 1846, Bro. Abrahams was installed in the presence of fourteen installed Masters, among whom was the late Bro. T. H. Hall, Grand Registrar, Prov. G. Master of Cambridgeshire, and Bro. Carstatt subsequently received his jewel, which was set with diamonds, and bore the inscription, "Presented by the members of the Lodge of Joppa, No. 223, to Bro. N. Carstatt, for his efficient and valuable services as W. Master for the years 1844 and 1845. 7th January 1846." Such a testimonial was never more fully deserved. We have already noted that the number of initiates and joining members during his first year of office was very considerable. His second year was equally successful in this respect, while as regards the Funds of the Lodge, they were in a most satisfactory state when he vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Abrahams, the balance to the credit of the Lodge being over £80. As a matter of course, the installation was followed by the investiture of the Officers, but no brother was appointed and invested Secretary, though during the period we have been considering, that officer was entitled to the membership and an annual honorarium of £6. We are not in a position to say if Bro. Lazarus was of opinion that this was too modest a recognition of his services, or if the Lodge so held in consequence of the increase in the numerical strength of the Lodge. At all events, the Lodge Committee of General Purposes submitted a report on the subject of the Lodge being without a Secretary, and at the March meeting that office was tendered to Bro. S. M. Lazarus, in consideration of his receiving for his services the sum of £10. Nothing requiring any special notice appears to have happened during Bro. Abrahams' term of office. The number of initiates and joining members was in keeping with the steady increase of the past few years, and when Bro. Abrahams laid down the reins of office to his successor, Bro. Canner, he had the satisfaction of knowing that during his rule the Lodge had prospered both as regards numbers and finances, the net balance at the end of 1846 being, as per Auditors' report, £80. In such circumstances the unanimous vote of the Lodge that he should be presented with a Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas was something more than a graceful compliment to his efficiency in the chair; it was a just acknowledgment of such efficiency.

At the installation of Bro. Canner, there were present R.W. Bro. Henry Shute Prov. G. Master of Bristol, and W. H. White Grand Secretary, and when the ceremony was over and the Officers for the year appointed and invested, Bro. Abrahams received his testimonial, and later on in the evening presented to the Lodge a new set of gavels. In the minutes of the meeting of the 1st February 1847, is noted the very rare occurrence of a candidate for initiation being rejected. In those of the 29th March we are informed that a letter was read from the Prov. G. Lodge of Essex, accompanied by an application from Bro. Rowland Alston P.G.M., on behalf of the nine orphan children of the late Rev. F. T. Hewlett Prov. Grand Chaplain, and in response a sum of two guineas was voted by the Lodge. In June, a Portsmouth brother who had attained the great age of eighty-eight years and was in great distress was relieved to the extent of a guinea out of the Lodge funds, while a subscription among the members resulted in the raising of a further sum of one guinea and a half. At the December meeting Bro. J. Nathan was elected W.M. for the ensuing year by the narrow majority of one vote over his rival candidate Bro. B. Moss; Bros. D. Moses and Isaacs being re-elected Treasurer and Tyler respectively. Bro. Canner was voted a Past Master's jewel, and from the record of the meeting of the Audit Committee held later in the month, it seems there remained to be carried forward to the year 1848, the good balance of within a fraction of £83. It further transpired on this same occasion that the Treasurer had paid for the last P.M.'s jewel voted £3 10s more than he had received, owing to sundry brethren who had promised subscriptions never having paid them. The Committee therefore suggested that the Treasurer should be re-imbursed the amount out of the Lodge funds.

During Bro. Nathan's year of office we find more than one case of the initiation of a minor, the necessary dispensation from the Grand Master having been first duly received and ordered to be entered on the minutes. In March 1848, a brother who had resigned his membership thirty-three years previously, and in the interim had not

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subscribed to any other Lodge, presented a petition for the purpose of having it recommended to the Lodge of Benevolence. The Lodge, however, did not think it merited their favourable consideration, though, under the circumstances, they relieved him to the extent of £3; one-third from the Lodge funds and the rest by private subscription. In September, a motion was carried with a view to having the Bye Laws of the Lodge revised. The Committee of General Purposes were entrusted with the task of revising, and the amendments they suggested were subsequently approved of in open Lodge. Towards the close of the year certain attacks in the *Freemason's Quarterly Review* on Grand Master the Earl of Zetland, were reported to the Lodge, and at the election meeting in December—when, by the way, Bro. Henry Levy was elected by a small majority of votes to be W. Master for 1849—the following letter was agreed to be sent to his Lordship:—

"To the Right Honourable the Earl of Zetland, M.W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

M.W. Grand Master,

"We, the Master, P. Masters, Wardens, Officers, and members of the Lodge of Joppa, No. 223, have heard with the deepest regret that several articles have been published in a work entitled the *Freemason's Quarterly Review* and circulated throughout the Craft, which have a tendency to traduce your Lordship's exalted and distinguished position as our M.W. Grand Master, that obloquy has been measured out to your Lordship with no sparing hand, and that motions are constantly introduced whereby the business of Grand Lodge is greatly impeded and is calculated to injure our Order by causing a disunion and thereby weakening our bonds of fraternal affection, and likewise intended to deprive your Lordship of several of the ancient privileges hitherto possessed by our late illustrious Grand Masters.

"We beg to express our utter abhorrence of such proceedings, and to assure your Lordship that we shall deem it our bounden duty to support, uphold, and maintain, in all its pristine lustre, the dignity of the Grand Master of England, in whom we beg to express our entire confidence, and take leave most respectfully to renew, with additional attachment, our allegiance to your Lordship, and at the same time pledge ourselves to support you by every constitutional means, and endeavour to suppress those factions should they again appear in Grand Lodge.

"Done in open Lodge, held at the George and Vulture Tavern, Cornhill, in the City of London, the 4th day of December 1848. Signed on behalf of its members,

"J. NATHAN, Master.
"S. SELIG, S.W.
"H. LEVY, J.W.
"S. M. LAZARUS, Sec."

The hand of the average scholar is certainly not visible in the composition of the foregoing letter, but the hearty expressions of sympathy with the Grand Master are a credit to the worthy brethren of Joppa.

The installation meeting in January 1849 was a slightly tempestuous one as regards the opening, several brethren being under the impression it was opened before the hour fixed in the summons. However, the storm passed away, and the induction of Bro. Henry Levy into the chair passed off satisfactorily, among the more distinguished visitors present being Bro. R. G. Alston P.G.J. Warden. In the course of this year a nice question was raised as to whether a brother, having once tendered his resignation and had it accepted by the Lodge, could withdraw and resume his membership. The Grand Secretary ruled that this could not be done, but a way out of the difficulty was suggested by that official, who pointed out that the Lodge might refuse to confirm so much of the minutes as related to the acceptance by it of a member's resignation. Otherwise a brother who had resigned must, in the event of his desiring to renew his membership, undergo the usual ordeal of the ballot. In May, it was agreed to contribute a sum not exceeding five guineas towards the fund then being raised with a view of presenting a testimonial to Bro. W. H. White Grand Secretary, and it was resolved that the Worshipful Master should represent the Lodge on the Testimonial Committee. In September, in consequence of the very satisfactory state of the Lodge funds, it was agreed, on the representation of the Audit Committee, to purchase some new furniture and repair some of what it already possessed. In November, a resolution was unanimously adopted "to establish a Fund for the Relief of Aged and Decayed Members of this Lodge, their widows or orphans," the arrangement of Laws and Regulations for such Fund being entrusted to the Committee of General Purposes. We have already noted several instances of the generosity with which the Lodge assisted such brethren as were in distress, and the establishment of such a Fund reflects even greater credit, if possible, on the members. These Laws were submitted and approved at a special meeting held on 1st December, the Fund itself being started with £20 presented by the Lodge, together with donations, &c., by individual members. This proved the nucleus, while, as regards its maintenance, it was agreed that each member should subscribe sixpence a month, and that the Lodge should give out of its funds from time to time, according to its ability. A special vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Carstatt P.M. for his exertions in establishing the Fund; a somewhat similar compliment being paid to the other brethren who had laboured to the same end. Two days after Bro. S. Selig was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, Bros. D. Moses and Isaacs being re-chosen Treasurer and Tyler respectively, while a Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. H. Levy, in recognition of his services as W.M. Prior to Bro Selig's installation, Bro. Levy presented to the Lodge a handsome poniard, while, after the installation, he received his jewel, set with diamonds, and Bro. Carstatt P.M. the illuminated vote of thanks accorded him for his labours in establishing the Lodge Benevolent Fund. The balance brought forward from the year 1842 was £110 16s 1d, but of this £20 had to be paid over to the Benevolent Fund, £20 for furniture, £36 to Grand Lodge, and £5 to the White Testimonial; so that the net balance was under £30, or, with money due to the Lodge, about £40. In March 1850 the Treasurer reported that he had purchased stock, in the name of the Benevolent Fund, to the amount of £69 16s 6d. In the same month, however, a strict inquiry took place into the Lodge accounts, and from this it appears that, having regard to the assets and liabilities, there was, in fact, a small balance against the Lodge, and the Committee of General Purposes recommended in their report the adoption of certain steps by which it was anticipated the finances would be straight again. These recommendations were adopted, with the result that in a very short time the Lodge had a considerable sum to its credit.

[To be continued.]

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Committee of this Institution met on Wednesday, 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. John Constable in the chair. Bro. Terry, Secretary, reported the death of one female and four male annuitants, the total amounts they had received being £1,400. Bro. Terry also read the Finance Committee's Report, which showed that over £14,300 was realised at the late Festival, the largest sum derived from one Festival in the annals of the Institution. £9,057 had been collected since the Festival. Up to the 31st March there was a balance, after all annuities and expenses had been defrayed, of over £8,100. The Finance Committee recommended the investment of £1,500 on the Male Fund, and £1,500 on the Female Fund, in Three per Cent. Reduced. The Committee also recommended the presentation to Bro. James Terry of one hundred guineas, in recognition of his successful exertions on behalf of the Institution at the late Festival. The recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted, Bros. Col. Creaton, J. A. Farnfield and William Hale were appointed the Committee to draw up the annual report. Bro. Terry read a letter from Bro. Curteis, stating that the Province of Devon wished to commemorate the services of the late Rev. J. Huyshe Prov. G.M., and asking what sum would be required to purchase a perpetual presentation of an annuitant to the Institution. After some discussion, in which Bros. J. G. Stevens, J. A. Farnfield, William Stephens, J. M. Case, James Brett, R. H. Giraud, Raynham W. Stuart, J. H. Leggott, C. G. Dilley, and C. J. Perceval took part, the Committee decided that the reply to be given should be such a sum as would produce £40 per annum in the Funds. On the motion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, seconded by Bro. Henry Smith Prov. G. S. West Yorkshire, it was resolved "That the House Committee be instructed to obtain an estimate for the enlargement of the present hall (at the Institution at Croydon) and providing proper accommodation for the same." Bro. Terry read a letter from Bro. H. Smith Prov. Grand Secretary West Yorkshire, thanking the brethren for the presentation to him of an illuminated address and the honorary Vice Presidency of the Institution in recognition of his exertions, by which mainly over £3,000 was sent up to the Institution from West Yorkshire at the late Festival. The letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes. £50 was voted to the widow of the late Bro. Kuill, formerly collector to the Institution, after which the Committee adjourned.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Mount Edgecumbe Lodge of Instruction, No. 1446, at the Harp Tavern, 19 Jermyn-street, W., on Tuesday, 26th inst., at seven o'clock p.m. precisely. Bros. J. Paul 1287 W.M., W. Clegborn S.W. 1287 S.W., J. Hemming 1287 J.W., E. Farwig P.M. 180 Preceptor, F. V. Green 1687 Hon. Sec. First Lecture:—Bros. Cohen, F. Green, Skinner, J. Smith, W. C. Smith, E. Farwig, and W. J. Burgess. Second Lecture:—Bros. Pink, J. Hemming, Richardson, J. B. Docker, and Hardell. Third Lecture:—Bros. Blundell, Birrell, and Winterbottom.

The Fifteen Sections were worked on the 11th instant, at the Adelphi Club of Instruction, connected with the members of the Adelphi Lodge, No. 1670. Bro. William Musto P.M. 1349 had been invited to preside, and the following Past Masters and brethren from the east end of London supported him:—Bros. T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 as I.P.M., B. Cundick P.M. 1421 as S.W., W. H. Myers P.M. 820 and 1445 as J.W., and Bros. Geo. Stephens J.D. 1623 and McDonald S.D. 1445. There was a good muster of brethren, who watched the working with great interest. Among those we saw Bros. Dunn P.M. Treas. 1670, Sadler 1670, Hart 1670, Lewis 1670, Webster P.M. Secretary 1670, Rogers S.D. 1670, Whalley J.W. 1670, Oswald, Watkins 1670, Mundy 1670, Levy I.G. 1670. Among the Visitors were Bros. Blunt, Cumming, Money Lee 1201, Maidwell P.M. 27, J. Macgregor I.G. 1445, &c. The sections were worked by the following brethren:—First Lecture—Bros. Duckitt, Langdon, Low, Barnes, Myers, Cundick, Stephens. Second Lecture.—Bros. Chetwynd, Gruggen, Tisley, Harding, McDonald. Third Lecture—Bros. Tinney, Nicols, Barnes. At the conclusion of the working a vote of thanks to P.M.'s Musto, Barnes, Cundick and Myers was accorded with pleasing unanimity for their kindness in placing their valuable services at the disposal of the members of the Club, who, as young members, would doubtless greatly profit by the instruction that had been imparted. Each of the brethren returned thanks. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. F. H. Gruggen, the indefatigable Hon. Secretary, to whose untiring exertions the success of the evening was mainly attributable. The Club was then closed. The brethren having passed a most enjoyable evening.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 16th APRIL.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.

TUESDAY, 19th APRIL.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
454—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
R.A 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1062—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
R.A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford.
R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham

WEDNESDAY, 20th APRIL.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6.
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1683—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1448—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

THURSDAY, 21st APRIL.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, E.
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1339—Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7. (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.
1673—Langton, London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C.
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire
863—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1298—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
K.T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

FRIDAY, 22nd APRIL.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction.)
804—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

SATURDAY, 23rd APRIL.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Egyptian Lodge No. 27.—The members of this Lodge met on Thursday, 7th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there was a numerous gathering under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. J. H. Coulson. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Brothers Clemow, the proprietors of the hotel, whose arrangements gave universal satisfaction. There were several visitors present. The usual Loyal and Craft toasts were honoured, and with an abundance of excellent vocal and instrumental music a pleasant evening was spent.

Prosperity Lodge, No. 65.—The first meeting of this Lodge since the installation of Bro. W. Chicken as W.M., was held on Thursday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when the brethren mustered in considerable force, and were joined by

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several visitors. The Officers present were Bros. C. E. Ferry I.P.M., J. Roberts S.W., G. Schadler J.W., J. H. Goodwin P.M. Treasurer, G. T. Brown P.M. Secretary, C. J. Rich S.D., F. Kearney J.D., J. Hawkins I.G., C. Daniel D.C., J. Boston A.D.C., E. Marshall W.S., and C. T. Speight P.M. Prov. G Tyler Surrey, Tyler. At the conclusion of business, the brethren adjourned to the throne room of the hotel, where Messrs. Ritter and Cliffard had prepared a sumptuous banquet, the arrangements being admirably superintended by Brother Mills. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. There was plenty of good singing and music to lengthen the enjoyment of the assembly.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554.—Held at Bro. A. Walter's, Green Dragon, Stepney, E., on the 12th inst. Bros. T. F. Harvey W.M., A. Wood S.W., J. Smith J.W., J. Taylor Deacon, Austen I.G., J. J. Berry P.M. Preceptor, W. Cross Hon. Sec., Shingfield, Stephens, &c. After preliminaries the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Shingfield candidate. Lodge was advanced and closed to the first degree, the W.M. worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. A. Wood was elected to the chair for the 19th inst. The Secretary announced that the annual supper would be held on Tuesday, 3rd May next. Tickets 4s each. Bro. E. W. Walter W.M. 554 has kindly consented to preside. Lodge was closed and adjourned until the 19th instant.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 12th April, Bros. Clark W.M., Christian S.W., Dignam J.W., Polak S.D., Wardell J.D., Smyth I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Brasted, Smith, Boyce, Catling, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Boyce, as candidate for the degree of Fellow Craft, was interrogated and entrusted; the Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Boyce was passed. Bro. Boyce answered the questions leading to the third degree. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. P.M. Wallington, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, when Bro. Smith was installed into the chair of King Solomon. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees; the W.M. then invested his officers. Bro. P.M. Wallington gave the addresses in a very impressive manner. Bro. Christian worked the third and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday last. Bros. Rawe W.M., Myers S.W., Johnson J.W., Pavitt S.D., Ives J.D., Worsley Secretary I.G., P.M. Musto Preceptor; also Bros. Keable, Brownson, Peterken, Day, White. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read. Bro. Brownsom answered the necessary questions; the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Worsley worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture. The Lodge was closed in the first degree, when Bro. Day, of Faith Lodge, No. 141, was admitted a member. Bro. Myers was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The election of Treasurer and Secretary, as well as the audit of accounts, will take place on Tuesday next. Audit at seven o'clock.

Mount Edgcumbe Lodge of Instruction, No. 1446.—At the Harp Tavern, Jermyn-street, the usual weekly meeting of this Lodge of Instruction was held on Tuesday, the 12th inst. Bro. C. A. Woods officiated as W.M.; he was supported by Bro. Hobbs as S.W. and Bro. Pink as J.D.; Bros. Farwig, Detraz, Cohen, Paul, Maxsted, Blundell, J. C. Smith, W. C. Smith, Wheeler, F. V. Green, and other brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, the W.M. then opened the Lodge in the second degree, and worked the first section of the second lecture. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Blundell candidate, after which Bro. Paul worked the second, third, fourth and fifth sections. Bro. Hobbs was unanimously elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. The W.M. announced that the Fifteen Sections would be worked by Bro. Paul, on Tuesday, 26th April. The meeting was then adjourned.

St. Martin-le-Grand Chapter, No. 1538.—A convocation of this Chapter was convened on Monday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. The Chapter was opened by Comp. Dr. Ralph Gooding Z., supported by Comps. A. J. Pritchard H., and Geo. Gregory J., assisted by Past Principals Major Williams and F. B. Williams. The Companions were admitted, and Bro. Muggeridge, of the Grand Masters' Lodge, being in attendance, was duly and impressively exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. The Companions afterwards adjourned to a banquet, presided over by the M.E.Z. The following Visitors were present:—Comps. Partridge M.E.Z. elect Pythagorean 79, T. Burne S.E. Royal Albert Chapter 907, and Comps. Ramsey and Holmes, Star Chapter 1275.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—The usual weekly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Crown and Woolpack Tavern, St. John-street-road, E.C., on Tuesday, 12th April. Present—Bros. Payne W.M., Weedon S.W., Dillon J.W., Bird S.D., Charles J.D., Rothschild I.G., Osborn Sojourner; also Bros. Botibol, Woodman, Haines, Gilham, Gibbs, Godolphin, Hurst, Somers, Williams, and many others. Lodge was opened and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Botibol gave proofs of his proficiency, and after Lodge was opened in the second degree was duly passed. Bro. P.M. Gilham, acting as candidate, was duly raised to the third degree. The ceremonies were impressively rendered by the W.M. Before Lodge was closed it was carried that its meeting be adjourned until Tuesday, 26th April, at eight o'clock. In the absence of Bro. Pearcy, who was attending a meeting of his mother Lodge, Bro. Isaac acted most efficiently as Preceptor.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge took place on Monday, at York, when there were present Bros. J. T. Seller W.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M. as S.W., M. Millington J.W., Geo. Balmford P.M. Treasurer, A. T. B. Turner S.D., J. Blenkin J.D., T. Humphries Assistant Secretary, J. R. Jackson Assistant M.C., W. B. Dyson I.G., and a number of other brethren. The business consisted of a passing, which having been performed, Lodge was resumed again in the first degree, and letters of apology were read from the Secretary, who was absent, from domestic affliction, and the S.W., who was in London. A telegram was also read from Bros. J. S. Cumberland P.M. and A. M. Broadley P.M., in London, conveying hearty good wishes to the Lodge. Bro. R. Ware presented to the Lodge library a complete and handsomely bound set of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE since the formation of the Lodge, and Bro. Whytehead added some volumes of Transactions of American Grand Lodges and a portrait of Bro. R. F. Bower, of Keokuk, for the Lodge album. Votes of thanks were passed to both brethren. After the Lodge was closed a very harmonious evening was spent, and many toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Whytehead, in proposing the candidate, took occasion to explain the system of Masonic degrees in Blue Masonry in England and on the Continent, and alluded to the origin of speculative Masonry as it exists at the present day, urging on the brethren that they should make as much use as possible of the Lodge library, which already embraced a numerous selection of useful and standard works on Masonry, the perusal of which could not fail to increase in their minds the interest which they already felt in the Craft.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—A meeting was held at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, W., on 7th April, Brothers H. Kasner W.M., J. Green S.W., A. Jones J.W., W. Seward S.D., G. Coop J.D., C. Bellerby I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, J. Wells Secretary; Brothers Watkin Brown, T. Smith, and Cunningham. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the meetings held on 17th and 31st March were read, confirmed, and signed. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Cunningham answered the questions leading to the third degree, and retired. Lodge was opened in third degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising. Lodge was closed in third and second degrees. A discussion ensued in regard to Bye-law No. 1, and on the motion of Bro. A. Jones, seconded by Bro. G. Coop, it was agreed that Bye-law No. 1 be suspended until the last Thursday in May, and that the Lodge meet weekly until that time, except on Thursday next, the 14th inst. Lodge was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned to Thursday, 21st April.

Sackville Lodge, No. 1619.—At the Crown Hotel, East Grinstead, an emergency meeting of this Lodge was held, at 6 p.m., on the 6th instant. There were present:—Bro. S. Davison W.M., E. A. Head S.W., Wm. Rudge J.W., John G. Horsey I.P.M., G. Mitchell Secretary, C. Firbank J.D.; also Bros. Wm. Pile, W. H. Brown, A. Betchley, J. Cooper, G. Berry, M. Ovenden, G. W. Holmes, G. Histed and Henry Histed. Visitor—Bro. Thomas Smith Lord Warden 1096. Bro. John G. Horsey I.P.M. took the chair after the opening in the third degree, and raised Bros. G. and H. Histed. The W.M. then resumed his chair, and initiated Mr. E. G. Turner, of Crawley Downs, after which Lodge was closed.

The Wallington Lodge of Instruction will be opened on Thursday, 28th April, at 6.30 p.m., when the ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed, and the first and second Lectures given; Installing Master, Bro. C. Sawyer W.M. 1892 P.M. 1619. First Lecture: Bro. John G. Horsey 186 S.W. 1892 P.M. 1619; Second Lecture: Bro. R. R. Davis 1851 P.M. 250. Brethren are invited to attend.

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THE GRAND FESTIVAL.

THIS day (Saturday) being St. George's Day, the Annual Grand Festival of the United Grand Lodge of England will be held, in accordance with the Constitutions, on Wednesday. At the meeting of Grand Lodge, the G. Officers for the year will be appointed and invested with the insignia of their respective offices, and afterwards the brethren will dine together, in accordance with the time-honoured custom which prevails in this country in conection with everything that possesses or may be supposed to possess even a small modicum of public interest, of consummating the work of the day by a gathering at the festive board. Everything will be done to give honour to the event, and in accordance with a very proper rule, there will be a complete absence of Lodge meetings in the metropolitan district. One Grand Festival, however, is so much like another, that to say anything new in connection with it is well-nigh impossible. Were there any reason to suppose that His Royal Highness the Grand Master would preside in person, there is no doubt the meeting would be on a larger scale than usual; but having regard to the fact of the Court being in mourning for the late Emperor of all the Russias, there is little likelihood of His Royal Highness being present. Indeed, the number and variety of the Prince's engagements make it extremely difficult for him to appear often in his place in Grand Lodge. Naturally the Craft would be intensely gratified if he were able to preside more frequently, but they know that his interest in all that relates to Freemasonry is very considerable. Nothing of importance is done until it has been submitted for, and received, his sanction. Not a few Grand Masters have thought they conferred sufficient honour on the Craft by nominally presiding over its destinies and discharging their duties by deputy. But the Prince of Wales has no such lax ideas as to the position he occupies in Freemasonry. He is aware that, if the Grand Lodge is honoured by having him, the heir apparent to the British crown, for its chief, he, too, is equally honoured by being annually re-elected Grand Master of the oldest and most splendid Masonic jurisdiction the world has ever known. Hence, though it cannot be doubted the Craft would rejoice at seeing him more frequently present at the Communications of Grand Lodge, they are perfectly satisfied that in his hands the honour and well-being of Freemasonry are in safe keeping.

But if we cannot say much that is new in connection with the Grand Festival, it offers a convenient opportunity for glancing at the events of the past six years. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales accepted the G. Mastership of the United Grand Lodge of England in September 1874, but it was not till the month of April of the following year that he was formally installed into office by the Earl of Carnarvon in the presence of the largest, as it was also the most brilliant, gathering of Freemasons ever held in this country. However, the events of that memorable day when our Grand Master was installed in the Royal Albert Hall, Kensington, in the presence of between 8000 and 10,000 brethren, are too fresh in the recollection of our readers to need they should be recounted in these columns. Let us rather note what has since happened—the progress that has been made, the good that has been done in English Masonry since Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, was first saluted and proclaimed Grand Master. A mere recital of what has taken place during the brief period of his Grand Mastership will serve to show that English Freemasons have reason to be thankful at their choice of a ruler.

Mere increase in the number of Lodges and members does not necessarily indicate a commensurate increase in strength; but we are justified in assuming that in this respect the progress made by Freemasonry in the last half dozen years has been in the main satisfactory. Without, then, laying too great stress on numerical increase, we note with some degree of pleasure that sixty-six new Lodges were constituted in 1875. The year following the increase was even greater, the number of Lodges for which warrants were granted being sixty-nine, while in 1877 no less than seventy-three Lodges received warrants of constitution. It was hardly, however, to be expected, or even desired, that so rapid a rate of progress should be maintained; and in 1878 there was visible a slight falling off, only sixty-five Lodges being added to the roll of Grand Lodge. In 1879 this diminution was maintained, and but fifty-three warrants were granted; while in 1880, up to the time when the Grand Lodge Calendar was published, but thirty-three warrants were issued. Thus, in the six years under consideration, no less than 359 new Lodges have been added to the roll of Grand Lodge. London, the Provinces, and Districts abroad have had each their share in the increase; but what is most gratifying is, that the Provinces and Districts have benefited most largely, only about one-fourth of the whole 360 being located in the Metropolitan area. It is, indeed, this very fact of the bulk of the new Lodges being established in the country and the colonies and possessions of the British Crown, that impresses us most favourably with the belief that, in this respect, Freemasonry has acquired a real and substantial accession of strength. Especially satisfactory is it to note the creation of so many new Lodges abroad—in India, in South Africa, and in our Australasian Colonies; and we think it was a wise policy which has confined, for the time at least, the issue of fresh warrants for Lodges to the Provinces and foreign Districts. A further increase in the number of our Metropolitan Lodges is unnecessary for the present.

We have said that the Grand Master is not as often present in Grand Lodge as the brethren would like to see, and that we know this is due, not to his lack of interest in the Craft, but to the heavy demands that are being made upon his time—demands which it must severely tax even the amazing energy of His Royal Highness to satisfy. But if he has only twice appeared in Grand Lodge since his Installation—once at an Especial Communication, when he appointed and invested Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke as Grand Secretary, and once when his brother-in-law, the Crown Prince of Denmark, honoured Grand Lodge with a visit—there are several occasions on which he has taken part in the work of Masonry. Thus, in his capacity of patron of the Grand Lodge of Scotland he laid the foundation stone of the new Post Office at Glasgow. On his way to India he performed a similar function in respect of the new Market at Gibraltar, and one of the earliest of his public acts, on arriving in India, was the laying of the foundation stone of the new Docks at Bombay. Since then he has installed Lord Suffield, K.C.B., as Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk, and laid the corner stones of Truro Cathedral, the last occasion on which he has shown his interest in Masonry being his visit to, and entertainment by, the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, which met for the occasion at the Mansion House, in the Mayoralty of Sir Francis Truscott, Grand J. Warden of England. Thus in the six years he has been Grand Master there are nearly a dozen

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occasions on which he has taken an active part in some more or less important Masonic function, and he himself has told us that in the course of these years the number of Grand Lodge Certificates which have emanated from the office of the Grand Secretary has averaged about 10,000 annually. We know, too, how wonderful has been the increase in the support of our several Institutions—from, in round figures, about £26,000 or £27,000 at the Festivals in 1875 to very considerably over £40,000 at those of last year. Let us hope that in the year which commences from Wednesday, and in all succeeding years, the picture we may be privileged to draw of the progress and position may be as satisfactory. We may be sure it will not be the fault of the Prince of Wales, the M.W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, if it does not maintain, and even strengthen, its present proud position, and the respect in which it is almost universally held, not only in the United Kingdom, but among all civilized countries.

THE CHESHIRE EDUCATIONAL MASONIC INSTITUTION.

WE beg to acknowledge, with thanks, a copy of the "Eighteenth Report of the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution for the Education and advancement in life of the children of Distressed and Deceased Freemasons, for the year 1880." This is one of the most useful among the many similar institutions existing in the Provinces. The good that it does is very considerable, and must have the effect of lessening very appreciably the demands on our two central schools, so far as, at least, Cheshire itself is concerned. It was founded in the year 1863, and during the whole of its career has been managed with a due regard to economy, and in a manner which reflects the greatest credit on the executive. This year, however, the report is not quite so favourable as usual. The Committee state that "heretofore they have always had a surplus of receipts over expenditure, but this year the contrary is the case." A first glance at the statement of account hardly bears this out, for there are two small balances, one in a local bank, and the other in the Treasurer's hands; but this apparent discrepancy admits of satisfactory explanation. It is an important element in the Constitution of the Society, "that the expenditure shall only consist of the revenue derived from investments originated by subscriptions and donations, which are considered as Capital." Hence, on examining the account more minutely, it will be found that, while the revenue derived from investments amounts to £159 6s 11d, the expenditure for printing, &c., the education of seventeen children, and the advancement of two, as well as for stationery and other incidental outlay for the year is in all £173 10s 3d, of which £124 2s 2d was for education, and £10 10s for advancement. Under these circumstances, and especially as there are seven candidates for education, as against two whose names will be removed from the list, there is strong reason for the urgency of the Committee's appeal to "some active Mason to take up the cause, and originate an entertainment of such a nature as will rehabilitate the funds, and put the Committee in good spirits." The point indicated by the Committee is indisputable, "that an immense amount of moral, as well as intellectual good is done" by the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution, and it must be very gratifying to them to be in a position to state that "the reports furnished by the masters and mistresses of the various scholars are really heart-cheering." Turn we, however, without further preface, to the account for the past year, as exhibited by the Committee.

The balance brought forward from last year amounted to £292 1s 6d. Donations and subscriptions from Lord and Lady De Tabley, the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge, and the different Lodges and Chapters, and brethren, represent the very satisfactory total of £168 6s, while interest on investments is, as we have said, £159 6s 11d. Add to these the proceeds of two Mersey Dock Bonds, expired on 27th September last, amounting together to £350, and we have a total from all sources of £969 14s 5d. On the expenditure side, we find, as before mentioned, a total sum disbursed for advancement, education, printing, audit, stationery, &c., equal together to £173 10s 3d. Investments represent £782 13s 5d, and the balances are in all £10 10s 9d, which with another small item exactly equalises the two sides of the account. The present funds of the Institution, including bonds, mortgages, stock, and balances, are set down as £3880 17s, so that though the ordinary expenditure is in excess of the ordinary income, it cannot be said the Institution has not gained some additional strength in the course of the year. It has swelled its investments very appreciably, and has therefore proportionately increased its permanent income.

A few words may be added as to the qualifications and privileges of governors, and the qualifications of candidates. A subscription of five shillings constitutes him who makes it an annual Governor, with the privilege of one vote—every additional five shillings giving an additional vote—at the election of children, but not at that of Officers, or in respect of resolutions connected with the government of the Institution. Five guineas, in one or more payments within twelve months, or at two successive annual meetings, constitute the donor a Governor for life, with the privilege of one vote for each guinea. Twenty guineas, in one payment, or in two or more payments in two years, constitute him a Vice President; and a Lodge or Chapter making a donation of a similar amount at one time, or in the course of three years, becomes entitled to twenty votes during its existence, the same privileges extending to a subscribing Lodge as to an individual subscriber; while ministers of religion, who are Freemasons, and advocate the cause of the Institution, and have a collection made on its behalf become Governors for life, with the privilege of five votes. As to the eligibility of candidates, the father of an applicant must have been a subscribing member for at least three years to some Lodge or Lodges in Cheshire. He or she must be over seven and under fifteen years of age, except in the case of a child who has lost both its parents, when it may be admitted at six years. No one is to enjoy the benefits of the Institution after attaining to the age of sixteen. The candidates must have their names approved by the General Committee before being placed on the list. Certificates in support of these facts, as well as of health, must be furnished.

We have before described the nature and operations of this Institution; but we have been at the pains of *doing* so again, because the Committee are justifiably anxious for further support, and the work they have done and continue to do is so highly meritorious, that we think every Cheshire Mason, and many who are outside the Province, but take an interest in every good Masonic work, should give it their support. We trust that the next report may be as satisfactory as the most sanguine hopes of the Governors and Subscribers can possibly desire.

INTEGRITY LODGE, No. 163, MANCHESTER.

WE have great pleasure in noting certain particulars in connection with this Lodge as to its financial condition, and the support it so liberally gives to our Central and other Charities. The statement of accounts extends over a period of thirteen months ended 26th January 1881, and opens with a balance of £133 11s 5d, of which £100 represents the value of twenty Masonic Hall shares, the rest being cash in bank and treasurer's hands. The general body of receipts amounts to £335 19s, the principal items being for initiation and joining fees £134, and for subscriptions £178. Some small items in the shape of interest and dividends on Masonic Hall shares bring up the total of sums received to £341 8s 9d, making, with the balance brought forward, the very satisfactory total of £475 0s 2d. *Per contra*, we have the expenses of St. John's Festival, £36 11s 6d; stewards' account for teas and light refreshments, £76 2s 5d; for rent, stationery, postages, &c., £74 16s 8d; Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge Fees, &c., £35 6s; Benevolent Account, including to a lady, £20; to the three Masonic Charities as many small subscriptions, together with fifty guineas to the R.M. Benevolent Institution Male Fund, and twenty guineas to its Female Fund, with twenty guineas to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, the whole amounting to £122 6s. These different items taken together leave a balance to the good, including the aforesaid Masonic Hall shares and £10 15s 9d, the estimated value of spirits, wine, and cigars in stock, of £129 17s 7d.

Turning to the particulars of the Lodge's donations in

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aid of our Central and other Charities, we find that in the case of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, it has given £168 to the General Fund, and £84 to the Building Fund, together £252, for which it is entitled to seventy-four votes, which are thus apportioned: The W.M. is a Vice-Patron, with forty votes; and the I.P.M., S. Warden, and Treasurer Vice-Presidents, with fourteen, ten, and ten votes respectively; and there are four votes for the annual subscription of two guineas. To the Girls' School it has given £189, for which it receives thirty-three votes in perpetuity, the W.M. being a Vice-Patron, with twenty-three votes, and the I.P.M. Vice-President, with ten votes. There are also four additional votes for the annual subscription of two guineas. To the Male Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution the Lodge has given £265 10s, for which it enjoys seventy-two votes in perpetuity, the W.M. and I.P.M. being Vice-Patrons, with thirty votes apiece, and the S. Warden a Vice-President, with twelve votes. The annual subscription of one guinea commands four votes. To the Female Fund it has given £223 10s, and is entitled to fifty-eight votes, the W.M. being a Vice-Patron, with thirty votes, and the Junior Warden and Treasurer Vice-Presidents, with eighteen and ten votes respectively. It has four votes for its annual guinea. To the Provincial Fund it has given £141, for which it receives 141 votes at every election. Thus Integrity has given to our Central Charities £930, for which it is entitled in perpetuity to 237 votes, irrespective of those it receives for its annual subscriptions of six guineas; and if we add the £141 it has given the local Masonic Institution, we arrive at the very handsome contribution to Masonic Charity of £1,071. It has also subscribed £57 15s, for which it receives annually one vote from December 1869, and ten votes annually from December 1876, to the Manchester Warehousemen and Clerks' Orphan Institution. There are whole Provinces in England which have not subscribed the half, or even the quarter, of what Integrity, No. 163, has subscribed to our Masonic Institutions. We shall abstain, therefore, from offering further comments on a glorious statement which speaks for itself more eloquently than any words of ours could do.

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To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You will, I know, be only too pleased to correct an error in last week's CHRONICLE as to the oldest Freemason in England. That title has been borne for some time past by Bro. Norris, Warden at the Royal Masonic Institution at Croydon, now in his ninety-second year, and none the worse for the severe illness of this last winter. Bro. Norris was initiated in 1812, whereas the late Bro. Wigginton was not admitted till six years after—viz., 1818.

Yours truly and fraternally,

H. J. STRONG, M.D.,

Hon. Surgeon to the Institution.

Northend, Croydon, 18th April 1881.

THE ATTENDANCE OF PAST MASTERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. Sims is very angry about a very trivial matter. He has, so to speak, employed a Nasmyth hammer to crack a nut. He could not have been more violently emphatic in his language, if I had been so rude as to describe the Past Masters of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge as a parcel of old women. I will not, however, imitate his example and work myself into a paroxysm of anger over his letter, which many a man would feel justified in describing as impertinent. I prefer having a good hearty laugh over it. I am quite willing to acknowledge that I derived my knowledge from the report which appeared in your columns a fortnight since. I plead guilty to the soft impeachment of knowing some of the members, and, though the information I received may have been incorrect, I certainly did hear that it was not the first time all the P.M.'s had been absent together. What there is in this to lead him to regard me as one of those pests of society who attend to everybody's business but their own, I fail to see. I suggested that it would be well, if possible, if one at least of the Past Masters might manage to be present, especially at so important a meeting as that of the election of the W. Master and Treasurer, and the suggestion was based on a report published in the columns of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, which I think it will be generally admitted is a fair subject for independent comment. I added further, that from the manner in which the work was said to have been done, it was evident that the Past Masters must have done their duty famously. Why, then, this explosion of anger on the part of Bro. Sims, when there was nothing rude in my letter, and much that was complimentary to those it referred to? If I felt that my poor little innocent criticism had given offence, I should apologise forthwith, and so far as the absence of the Past Masters was unavoidable, I do so, of course, with a great deal of pleasure. But my criticism has this trifling merit, that it was based on an accurate report, and is itself accurate as regards the particular absence alluded to, while Bro. Sims is unable to speak, from his own knowledge, as to its never having happened on any previous occasion.

I remain, fraternally yours,

E. VAN DONOP.

London, 20th April 1881.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—With all due respect to Bro. Sims, I think your correspondent, Bro. "E. VAN DONOP" was justified in drawing attention to the absence of the Past Masters from the election meeting of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge; nor do I think the severity of his strictures is warranted by the circumstances. Your correspondent spoke in terms of praise of the manner in which the different ceremonies were rehearsed, proving, as it did, that if the Past Masters were absent on the occasion referred to they had, at all events, been not unmindful of their duty. Moreover, your correspondent's remarks were legitimate enough, as they were grounded on a published report; and that, of course, is public property. However, what I wish to point out is that the present race of Past Masters appears to be under the impression that Freemasonry would die a natural death were it not for the services they render. They think they are above criticism, and are occasionally overbearing in their treatment of younger brethren. I respect them when, by the moderation of their demeanour, they prove to the Masonic world that they respect themselves. If they fail in this respect, they cannot expect their juniors to show them due consideration.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

A MASTER MASON.

THE QUALIFICATIONS OF PRECEPTORS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Perhaps some of your readers will kindly inform me if there is any qualification required in the case of a brother who is appointed Preceptor of a Lodge of Instruction. Or, to frame my question more clearly, Is a brother appointed to be the Preceptor of such a Lodge because he is desirous of filling the office, or because he is capable of filling it? We all know there are many Preceptors who would be all the better for a little instruction in English Grammar, and they would be in still better form if they exhibited now and then a small modicum of common sense. Perhaps, however, English Grammar and common sense are not deemed requisite qualifications in the Preceptor of a Lodge of Instruction. I shall be much obliged if you or some one of your readers will enlighten me on this point.

Fraternally yours,

ALPHA.

The growth of Masonry in the great West is evidenced by the fact, that a little over thirty-five years ago, *nine* brethren united to form the present Grand Lodge of Michigan, which *now* has a membership in its Lodges of *twenty-six thousand* brethren.—*Keystone.*

The death of the Earl of Beaconsfield, K.G., is a serious loss to the country. A Mason has nothing to do with politics—that is, of course, in his Masonic capacity; but he cannot be otherwise than interested in the well-being of his country, and we all know the well-being of the country depends, in great measure, on the ability and integrity of its statesmen. It may be truly said of the deceased Earl, that no man of his time achieved a grander measure of success than he did. By his own splendid talents he raised himself from the comparatively humble, though honourable, position of clerk to a firm of attorneys to be twice Prime Minister of Great Britain, and he passed away, in the fulness of years, an honoured Member of the hereditary House of Parliament, and a Knight of the most noble Order of the Garter. For over a quarter of a century he was the leader of the great Conservative party, yet his Liberal opponents were well-nigh as enthusiastic in their admiration of his brilliant abilities and patriotic conduct as his own supporters. No public man ever strove more arduously to win a place on the Roll of Honour than did the late Benjamin, first Earl of Beaconsfield and Viscount Hughenden, K.G.; and, be it added, for the edification of others, no one ever more fully deserved the honours that he won.

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WHY SPRIGGINS DID *NOT* BECOME A FREEMASON.

SHOWING HOW WE PRESERVED THE INTEGRITY OF OUR EMINENTLY SELECT AND RESPECTABLE LITTLE LODGE.

BY BRO. F. JULIAN CROGER.

Preface.

Ever man in our Lodge was known to every other;
Each one was tried and true, and each to each a Brother.
When in Lodge assembled we profitably employ'd ourselves,
And, working most harmoniously together, we always fully enjoy'd ourselves.
For, studying the virtues and practising true charity,
We seldom split—dissension was a rarity.
We never gave utterance to observations vituperative—
In fact, to minds diseased an evening at our Lodge was quite recuperative!

Argument.

There lived within the precincts of our parish
A cad of a fellow, whose mode of life was garish—
That is to say, this egotistic fellow
Had but one object: to make his own life mellow!
It matter'd not to him that others' lives were bitter,
His life must be a round of flashy show and glitter!
He spent his cash, ne'er heeding others' sorrow,
Ne'er let a beggar beg, nor poor man borrow;
He never did a charitable action, because it could not give him satisfaction!
Enough for him to spend his yellow money
In making his own mean life seem bright and sunny!

Now, being a neighbour, and mixing with us on many an ordinary occasion,
We soon discover'd that his mind was assuming a very objectionable persuasion;
He began to think he would like to become a Brother,
Because, as he said, he noticed that we all helped one another;
And, "when a fellow was trying to get on in the world, he thought it was an advisable movement,
To crawl round the affections of the Masons, as it aided his worldly improvement!
In short, he regarded the idea from a selfish and narrow-minded distance,
Never dreaming that probably some one else might claim *his* assistance!
And it ended in his abruptly asking us, if we'd propose him as a candidate,
As our Lodge was going to meet at a handy date.

No matter what cad a man may be, if Providence doth send him,
One hardly likes to hastily offend him;
And as this fellow, moreover, held a local official position—
The *prestige* which we knew it would injure if we openly snub'd his ambition—
We felt a great delicacy in striking the blow, and saying immediately a plain "No!"

Therefore, somehow we consented; but, soon as it was done we heartily repented;
And being in this instance particularly—"birds of a feather,"
That is, of one mind, we flocked together
To cogitate what plan we could adopt so that his candidature might be stop'd.
We thought one whose morals were so vitiated
Into our Craft ought not to be initiated.
The question was, How to prevent it? We anxiously consulted,
And our little Privy Council soon resulted
In the hatchment of a plot, whose artful aid
We soon besought to make him feel afraid.

The Plot.

Our Lodge met on Saturday. On the previous Monday night
One of us paid him a visit;
This Brother's face being as solemn and long as a kite,
Spriggins anxiously ask'd, "What is it?"
"Oh, nothing, old man!" "But something's up!" "Well, yes—I was thinking"—
"Well?" "I was thinking of next Saturday"—"Go on!" "But, no! I
Should make you feel nervous!—you must keep your nerves from sinking!
"Keep up your spirits, old boy!—keep up your spirits!" This he said,
And went, while Spriggins scratched his puzzled head!

On Tuesday, another went—a man most mournful,
Who of hilarity was ever scornful;
He moan'd and groan'd, like a worn-out minister,
And talk'd of dismal things in accents sinister;
He made poor Spriggins miserable, slowly goading
His mind into a state of dim foreboding!
He steadily continued to aggravate him,
And spoke of serious ordeals that would await him,
And wound up by saying, "I'm pleased we shall enlist you,
It gives me pleasure to be thus able to assist you.
And, as you know that gentleness to me is virtue,
I'll take good care the Brethren do not hurt you!"
Then went way, unruffled and salubrious,
While Spriggins wonder'd, lost in thoughts lugubrious

On Wednesday, we left him to himself. The seeds we'd sown
Might rankle in his mind if left alone!
On Thursday night we sent our funny member,
With deep facetiousness, to fan the smouldering ember.
He gave him a dig in the ribs that nearly made him bellow,
And chuckled, "Ha! ha! we'll make it hot for you, old fellow!"
"Make it hot!" cried Spriggins; "What d'ye mean?"
Our funny one put his finger to his nose and said, "That remains to be seen.
Oh! wait, my boy! I guess we'll make you wriggle!"
And he gave him another dig in the ribs accompanied by a demoniac giggle.
"Look here, you know"—began Spriggins; but our jocular brother
Cut him short, saying "Oh! won't you want to go home to your mother?
Lay in a good dinner before you come, old fellow!—there's nothing like plenty of forage
To give a helpless man a stock of courage;
Ta-ta! old fellow! Ta-ta!" he cried, with a chuckle most hideously wheezy,
And left poor unfortunate Spriggins in a state of mind sadly uneasy.

Then came the last man's turn. He cap'd all their previous warning,
For, putting on a look of the saddest and woefullest mourning,
He sigh'd, "Ah me! This is a serious matter!"
Spriggins looked at him wistfully, and his teeth seem'd inclined to chatter.
"I hardly know," said our brother, "whether I'm doing right or wrong;
But, as I was near you,
I thought I would just pop in and endeavour to cheer you.
Do you manage to keep yourself pretty cheerful?" Spriggins look'd at his feet,
Mumbling "Thank you, middling," as he fidgetted in his seat.
"Ah, me!" sighed our brother, "I'd better not stay,
Or I shall frighten every bit of your courage away!
But before I go I'll give you a bit of advice,
Or your situation on Saturday may not be nice!
My friendship prompts me to tell you, whatever my conduct may seem,
But, *you'd better take some liniment and a little good cold cream!*"

The Dénouement.

Our Lodge-night came. We duly assembled,
And for our little plot each brother trembled;
If he should come, our plot having failed to appal him,
Then must we be hard-hearted and black-ball him?
This measure we were saved, however, for our noble hero—
Whose courage had evidently sunk down to zero—
Sent a beautifully-worded message to say,
That "*important business* prevented his coming, and his initiation must be put off to another day!"
That day never came, as I need not remark,
And our hero will, in all human probability, for ever remain in the dark!

The Moral.

"The end doth justify the means;" if mean our dodge,
At least we saved the honour of our Lodge!
Or fair or foul? If you don't think the latter,
Why—there's an end to the matter!

WORTHY AND WELL QUALIFIED.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

AMONG the older workmen of the Temple, as well in their writings as in their oral instructions, in their laws as in their rituals, there were forms of expression, brief, sententious and comprehensive, that have "gone out of fashion," though they told more in a single sentence than much of modern composition expresses in an entire page. Such was the language used when the Fathers were young; when Masonry was in its simplicity and purity; when amid the forests and the quarries, as well as when the ashlars perfected by the hands of Fellow Crafts were being laid in the walls of that wonderful building on Moriah—in the Temple reared to His glory and worship. It is well for us now and then to go back to those earlier days and gather jewels from the mine not yet exhausted, and learn simple and sublime truths from the lips of those who framed and enacted our laws, and lessons, and teachings, and left us instructions for the future. They did not expect to make Freemasonry perfect from the beginning; but they *did* give us elementary principles, and indicated the path we were to travel in our efforts to keep up with the progress of the ages.

I have said their words were simple, but full of meaning; as, for instance, those at the head of this article. They are pervaded by very profound instruction—so full of it that they are rarely analyzed or even critically examined to learn the full meaning of each word, syllable, and letter. In this article I propose to take some of them to pieces, if possible, and bring from the treasures thus brought to light such as are rarely revealed and seldom comprehended as they should be.

"Worthy!" Without intending offence to any, I may express my opinion that Freemasonry was not, and is not, designed for "the million," but for the select few who are eminently worthy of its honours, and can appreciate its sublime mysteries. An old French lady once said to me, alluding to her girlhood days, when she used to attend the social gatherings of the Craft in company with her father, "the *Free-*

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masons were all gentlemen," and the lady was correct in her estimate. They *were* gentlemen, for none others were admitted. A man may be poor and follow the plough, or work at the forge, or drive a dray for a living, but he may at the same time be a gentleman, and, *as such*, be eminently "worthy" of admission to the Brotherhood. His wealth should count for nothing, nor his fine apparel—"to whom related or by whom begot"—but he *must* be a gentleman in manners, in his habits, in the principles on which is based the rule of his conduct in life. He must be liberal and large-hearted, scorning a low act, pure in his thoughts, and blameless in his life and conversation. Such only are "worthy" of recognition at the outer door of the Temple, or of being received as brethren and companions in the great mystic Brotherhood.

But, besides this, if he would be esteemed "worthy" in Masonic estimation, he must ask for admission without any mercenary or sinister motives—with no desire to make money by his connection with the Order, or to enlarge his business, or add to his chances for political preferment. Any persons who come to the doors of Masonry with *such* motives are not "worthy" of recognition as Masons. If I may be excused for venturing a warning, I would say to the Craft—let political aspirants and office-hunters have "a wide berth." It was said in the papers during the late presidential election, that both of the candidates for the presidency were Freemasons and Knights Templars, but I would give the old and only hat I have for the man who has seen either of them in a Lodge within the last ten years!

If Freemasonry have all the possibilities for good we concede it, it *ought* to have a membership composed of the very best men in society—men of pure lives and pure hearts, who love their country and their kind—whose charities are equal to their means and opportunities—men who live, not for themselves alone, but to do good to others. Such are "worthy."

This question of worthiness is sometimes a difficult one to settle. It is not because a person is in affluent circumstances and gives liberally to the church; nor that he is successful in business matters and manages his affairs adroitly—by this means accumulating a fortune; nor that he subscribes largely to enterprises intended to benefit the town in which he resides, for that is only a means of increasing the value of his own property, and thus adding to his fortune. He declares before his admission that his object is "a sincere desire to be serviceable to his fellow creatures;" not especially to serve himself, for if that were the standard most men would be "worthy." It is not difficult to find one who desires to benefit himself; but how to forget self and self-interests in a desire to benefit others! And yet this latter quality is what is demanded of one before he can be deemed "worthy" to become a Freemason.

I remember a number of years since that an eminent jurist was to be initiated. Nearly every member of that Lodge whom I met for a day or two in advance of the time asked me to be present at their next meeting, as Judge —— was to be initiated! Now, Judge —— had the reputation of being a good lawyer, and had attained some eminence as a judge; he had been a member of Congress, and was not only a member of a church but a very pious man, to say nothing about his conceded eloquence and scholarship. "Are you coming to see Judge —— initiated?" I said, "No!" "But why?" "I have a high respect for Judge —— as a jurist and a man, as well as a citizen, but he is now an old man. He lived in the days of anti-Masonry, when it was unpopular to be a Freemason. Now Masonry is popular, and it will be no bar to his election to office to be known as a Freemason. If, many years ago, when the Judge was a candidate for Congress, Masonry had been as popular as now, he would probably then have become a Mason; or if Masonry were as unpopular to-day as it was thirty years ago, the Judge would not now desire to be a Freemason. If he were so pleased with the objects and purposes of Freemasonry, he would have faced the storm and stood by the Order when to belong to it would hazard his popularity and political prospects. He has waited for thirty years, until Masonry is a passport to respectability and popularity, and *now* he asks to become a Mason. Whatever other good qualities he may have, I do not believe he is 'worthy' to be admitted as a Freemason. I shall not be present!"

Well, the Judge was received with much *eclat*, and the members of the Lodge considered themselves highly honoured; it *seemed* to an observer that he was conferring honour upon the Order, instead of the Order conferring honour upon him by admitting him to its ranks! He was of no benefit to the Fraternity, except to partake of its good suppers and make responses to toasts; but, as he knew but little of Masonry, his speeches were made up of platitudes and general remarks that had been heard a thousand times. He was of no real practical benefit to Freemasonry, as he never thoroughly acquainted himself with it, though a man of pure life and noble aspirations; and all he was "worthy" of, in the sense we use that word, was a kind of honorary membership.

But the question comes back—"Is he worthy and well qualified?" He may be "worthy" in one sense, but not in another. Mr. H. may be worthy to be the Governor of his State, but not worthy to be a Professor of Astronomy in the University, for he is no astronomer; he may be worthy of all respect and honour as a Christian gentleman but not worthy as a minister of his church, for he has not studied the subject from that stand-point; he may be worthy of all respect as an industrious mechanic, but not as a jurist or a physician. So he may be eminently worthy as an agriculturist, but not as a student of Masonry on Lebanon, or at Zarthan, or on Moriah. Some of the best men I ever knew were worthy of almost any other position or calling, but they had no fitness for membership in the "Ancient and Honourable Fraternity." They were destitute of those qualities of mind and natural tastes so essential to one who may become prominent as a Mason, and an exemplar of its duties. But I will pass this part of the subject, and consider what is necessary to be well qualified" when one is seeking admission to our "Ancient and Honourable Order."

The "Ancient Charges of a Freemason," which are law everywhere in the Anglo-Saxon world, give some special directions needed by and essential in a candidate who is presented for acceptance in Freemasonry. I will consider them, not perhaps in the order in which they are enumerated in the Charges, but as they come to me in recollection, and possibly may omit some even in that effort.

He must not "be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine." It is said in the lessons of the Lodge-room that no atheist can be made a Mason;" and that declaration touches the very corner-stone of our mystic Temple. How can you require a person to offer up his prayers to Deity if he does not believe there *is* a Deity, a Creator, a Supreme Being, a superintending Providence, who can hear and answer prayer? We can have no atheism among Masons; no Bob Ingersolls to pollute with terrible mocking profanity the sanctity of the Lodge-room. To be "well qualified" the applicant for the privileges of Masonry must entertain a sincere and well established belief in the existence of GOD, or the ceremonies of initiation would be a mockery and an insult. I cannot conceive how any intelligent being, even a heathen, can say, "There is no GOD!" Since the days of French atheism, a hundred years ago, we have never heard such coarse, insulting, shocking profanity as the papers attribute to Bob Ingersoll; and yet, strange as it may appear, Christians of all sects, ministers of the highest type of pulpit eloquence, and politicians who would regard it as a personal insult to have it whispered that they sympathised with such sentiments, or such mocking atheists, crowd round him, and listen with apparent pleasure, if not with heartiest approval, to his blasphemous mockery and atheistical utterances. King David, in considering this Ingersollism of more than three thousand years ago, remarked that "The *fool* hath said in his heart, there is no GOD." He said it *in his heart*, for even at that early day, fool or philosopher would be ashamed to utter such sentiment with his lips; and the readers of the VOICE will excuse me for saying, none *but* a fool ever, even in his heart, said "there is no GOD." Sun and moon, planets and stars, ocean waves and river streams, bird and beast, field and forest, whispering zephyr and raging tornado, all declare him a fool! Such a belief, such an expression, is so shocking, so terrible, so death-like and desolate, that human nature, and I was going to say *all* nature, shrinks from the thought. It is the pall of death shrouding the hopes of immortality; it is the orphanage of the tomb; it is the desolation and darkness of the grave *for ever*. Let atheists glory in their creed; let preachers, and pietists, and politicians encourage the Ingersollism of the day: but, thank GOD, atheism is not tolerated in a Lodge of Freemasons, and never can be!

"Stupid atheist, irreligious libertine": This is the language used by the fathers in Masonry some centuries ago. It is well that a barrier was raised *somewhere* against a doctrine which sets law aside, unsettles moral principles and future hopes, while it clogs the mental powers and ignores human pretensions to reason and discernment. We are proud that Freemasonry, centuries ago, issued its proclamation, for ever irrepealable, against the insane and blasphemous atheism of the present age. "No atheist, no irreligious libertine" can be made a Mason! There it stands, *a law for ever!* The eloquence of Plymouth may sweep aside the moral convictions of the hearer and win the homage of fashionable Christianity; while politicians, from the President to the pauper, who make it their boast that this is a Christian nation, encourage and sustain the atheistical blasphemy of Ingersollism, but pure Ancient Craft Masonry declares "thus far thou may'st go, but no farther!" Whoever has read the story of the French Revolution, with the braggart declarations of the atheism of the time, that was succeeded by the crimes and bloodshed which disgraced the cultured, and fashionable, and refined people of that nation, will rejoice that Freemasonry stands as a granite rock against the further progress of atheism. The deadly moral miasma may be proclaimed by the silver-tongued orator from the rostrum, and Plymouth may utter its encouragement from what is called a Christian pulpit; but every Masonic Lodge, in every nation of Anglo-Saxon civilisation, closes its doors against the foul utterances, and from its altars and its East still declares "There *is* a GOD," and neither "stupid atheist nor irreligious libertine" may hope to gain admission to a Lodge of Freemasons.

A candidate for Masonry must have been "free-born," according to the ancient Masonic law; else he cannot be admitted. In the Lodges of the United States this is an essential in the estimate of "well qualified!" In England, as in other countries of English thought and habit, the rule has been set aside, or modified; and if the candidate be a *free* man he has the needed qualification in this regard. Such is an indication of progress: and though some teachers in our mystic Temple may say there can be no progress in Masonry, yet they bow to this behest of the centuries with profound respect. Allow me to say just here, though at the risk of being considered a lunatic, would it not be better for *all* Grand Lodges to follow the Grand Lodge of England in changing the old phraseology from "free-born" to "free-man"? There are no slaves now: the flags of America, of England, of Germany, of France, wave *only* over free men and free humanity. To be free in body and mind, free to think, to decide, to act, should be sufficient, whether the applicant was born in bondage or secured his freedom in later life. It is too late in the world's history to cavil about matters over which the candidate has had no control. The world moves, social life and social conditions change. Freemasonry was made for man; not man for Freemasonry. If the candidate be *now*, at the time of his application, free and able to act of his own volition, his condition should fill the spirit of the old law; and in *this* particular he should be "well qualified" for admission to our society and ceremonies. This, too, without reference to his colour, his creed, or his nationality.

Some thirty years ago the great Hungarian statesman Kossuth was in the United States. He had been a leader in the rebellion against Austrian tyranny, but escaped Austrian vengeance. No Christian country in Europe would permit his presence, and he took refuge in Turkey beneath the flag of the Prophet. He finally came to the United States, and in Cincinnati was made a Freemason. When required to name his residence, he declared he had none, but was "*an exile for Liberty's sake.*" His reply was deemed sufficient, and he was made a Mason: we were present with three or four hundred

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of the Craft, and witnessed the admission of one of the greatest men of his generation, though he was from a far-off land and "an exile for Liberty's sake!" His nationality was not further inquired into, but in this regard, as in all others, he was considered "well qualified" for admission to the ranks of Freemasonry.

Two or three years since I attended a meeting of Masons in one of the large cities of the West—I believe it was a Council of Royal and Select Masters. There was work to be done, and I noticed one who seemed to be a prominent actor in the ceremonies. He was a man above medium height, of fine physique, of good address and commanding presence. He seemed to be well instructed in the rituals, had a good voice and utterance, and I was charmed with his manner. I inquired of a friend sitting by me, a Past Grand Master of Masons, who the brother was. He whispered to me, "He is a coloured brother!" I asked him where he was made a Mason: and the reply was "in one of the Lodges of this city. He is of African descent, though nearly white. He is well educated, a lawyer in good practice, and a gentleman in every sense of the word. His sister, a finely educated lady, is the wife of a United States Senator from one of the Southern States, Senator Bruce." The brother was esteemed none the less because of a tinge of African blood in his veins. He was made a Mason in a legal Lodge, and, as a man and Mason, was an honour to the Fraternity. In his lineage, as well as in all else, he was "worthy and well qualified" to be a member of our Ancient and Honourable Fraternity.

Another question that may be asked, "Is he of good report?" Is his standing in community respectable, and does he maintain a good character as a man? Is he free from vicious habits, honest in his dealings, temperate in his living, and kind and charitable to the needy and deserving about him? All this, and more, is included in the query, and should be answered in the affirmative before it can truly be said he is "well qualified" to become a Freemason. He must be "of lawful age" also. The old rule said "mature age," and that language should still be used. The present requirement is twenty-one years, but neither Washington nor Warren was of that age when initiated; yet they were both "well qualified" in the estimate of the *old* law of Masonry, and that law should never have been changed.

The law also says the candidate must be sound in body, and of "hale and entire limbs, as a man ought to be." This quality refers to the age of practical Masonry when the Craft were workmen, and needed all their limbs and faculties to enable them to discharge the duties of their calling. For the last hundred and fifty years the requirement has only been symbolic; and it will probably be another hundred years before this stringent rule can be modified, if ever.

Another requirement to be "well qualified" is that the candidate must be *a man*. I shall not attempt to enlarge upon this question now. I have long been satisfied, however, that there should be *some* law by which the wives and daughters of Freemasons might be admitted to membership in the Order. It is not yet time for the discussion of this question; but when it comes up for consideration, if alive, I will be ready to meet it. We deny to our wives and daughters what we claim for ourselves. Why? Are they not to be trusted? Are they not as capable of appreciating kindness, and goodness, and charity, and as ready to aid in works of benevolence?

MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. Joshua Nunn, James Brett, and Samuel Rawson occupied the chairs of President and Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents. The brethren first confirmed the recommendations of the last meeting to the amount of £465, and afterwards relieved twenty cases out of the new list with £535. Three cases were deferred, and one was dismissed. There were but twenty-four cases on the new list, which is a great contrast to the heavy lists with which the Lodge has recently been burdened.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.

THE weekly meeting of this Chapter of Improvement was held on Tuesday evening, 12th April, at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill. Present—Comps Brown Z., Taylor H., J. S. Fraser J., R. Payne N., J. Payne P.S., W. Fraser, Gillard, G. Brown, W. Chicken, Goodchild, McDonell, Briggs, Thompson, Walker, Turner, and Burns. The ceremony of exaltation was ably worked, Comp. J. Steingraber being the candidate. All the Officers were well up to their duties. The Chapter was closed and adjourned.

The members of this Chapter again assembled at the Jamaica Tavern, on Tuesday evening, 19th April; but in consequence of the holiday week the attendance was not so numerous as usual. Comps. Catterson Z., Taylor H., J. R. Fraser J., Walker N., Turner P.S. There were also present Comps. Kirke, Veal, Thompson, R. Payne, Pulman, and W. Fraser. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. W. Fraser being the candidate. Comp. Pulman, of the Bedford Chapter, No. 157, was elected a member of this Chapter of Improvement. The election of Officers for the next fortnight then took place, as follows:—Comps. Thompson Z., Pulman A., J. S. Fraser J., W. Fraser N., McDonell P.S. The Chapter was closed and adjourned until Tuesday evening, 26th April, at half-past six o'clock.

The Annual Supper of the Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278, will be held on Wednesday, the 4th May, at the Lamb Tavern, Wilmot-street, Bethnal-green, at 7 o'clock, under the presidency of Bro. Dr. Defriez, the W.M. of the mother Lodge. Tickets (4s each) should be applied for at once; they may be had of Bro. Hand, Hon. Sec., 1 Southborough-road, South Hackney.

WHENCE? WHAT? AND WHITHER?

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

WHEN you consider the spiritual, mental and physical equipment of man, are you surprised that philosophers in all ages have inquired, WHENCE came he? WHAT is he? and WHITHER is he travelling? In certain thoughtful moments, have you not had an intimation of pre-existence, and said, with Wordsworth, in his exquisite Ode on Immortality,

> "Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting:
> The Soul that rises with us, our life's Star,
> Hath had elsewhere its setting,
> And cometh from afar:
> Not in entire forgetfulness,
> And not in utter nakedness,
> But, trailing clouds of glory do we come
> From God, who is our home:
> Heaven lies about us in our infancy!"

In was in a sense akin to this that Socrates called himself a "midwife of the mind," because he assisted in bringing to the birth truths with which the mind was in labour. He unfolded what was infolded. Sir Walter Scott seemed sometimes conscious of pre-existence; while Plato taught that when we seem to be instructed, we are only put in mind of what we knew in a former state.

Springing out of this doctrine of reminiscence, was the curious one of the transmigration of souls, once largely taught in Egypt, Greece, and India, in the philosophy of Pythagoras, the Orphic Mysteries, and the religion of Brahma. One of the fundamental injunctions of the latter is, to abstain from flesh, fish and fowl, for fear of eating your ancestors! Some of our American Indians were permeated with this belief. The Haidahs of California, Mr. Bancroft tells us, gravely affirmed, and steadfastly maintained, their descent from crows. The Chipewayans derived their origin from a dog. Others assert their derivation from the prairie wolf, and to explain the loss of their tails, they say, "an acquired habit of sitting upright has utterly erased and destroyed that beautiful member!" Plato taught, in his *Phaedo*, that those men who practise the civil and social virtues, when they die will pass into some gentle social nature, like their own, such as that of bees, or ants, or even back again into the form of man.

A related doctrine to metempsychosis was that of emanation, held by Zoroaster, the Gnostics and others—that all beings have proceeded from, and are parts of, the Divine Being—in one sense a sort of pantheism, but in another, and better sense, a doctrine that all may accept; for our living soul is, according to Moses, an emanation from the breath of God, and thus a part of Him.

The philosophers of to-day are as busy as their brethren were thousands of years ago, in inquiring, Whence is man? And they are often quite as erratic in their conclusions. Huxley and Haeckel argue that we come from "protoplasm," while Lorenz Oken deduces our origin from "primordial slime." For ourselves we should prefer to skip the "slime" and the "protoplasm" and come rather from a coyote, a dog, or a crow. But we reject all of these vagaries. Man came from God, so the First Great Light in Masonry teaches us, and we can have no higher authority. We have not been "developed"—we are born, not made. Omnipotence calls us into being. It is He that made us, and not we ourselves. Nor are we any deduction, or physical inference, or the end of a chain of being. We are, in short, ourselves, and ever shall be.

What is man? Look in your neighbour's face and answer the question, if you can. The eye of a god! The figure of an Apollo! The mind of an angel! And more! What a mystery is this mind of ours, with its powers of reflection, expression and memory. Who can explain how it is that language comes instantly at the bidding of thought; how that no sooner is a conception framed, than the appropriate words come brimming to the lips, in apt description, glowing metaphor and convincing logic? That man lives not who can penetrate the arcana of the human mind. We are, what we are, what God made us to be; but it doth not yet appear what we shall be. Doubtless glory will be added to glory, and we shall shine as stars in the firmament of heaven.

Whither are we travelling? Ah! who can penetrate through the grave into the great hereafter? Who, but the initiated, know the secrets of God's Greater Mysteries? Plato tells us of an ingenious Sicilian, or Italian, who compared the souls of men who were initiated into the "Mysteries" of his time, to staunch sailing vessels, which sped beautifully on their course towards the happy isles of the blest; while the souls of the uninitiated he likened to leaky vessels, full of holes, that go down, and never on, but miserably sink in the waves. The souls of the ignorant, owing to a lack of faith, hope and charity, he says, are as full of holes as is a colander. May we not say, then, that we are going whither our vessel of life is carrying us?

Death is the mystery of mysteries. One day health mantles the cheeks, life sparkles in the eyes, the organs of speech give forth sweet sounds, and the step is firm and elastic—and the next, the voice is still, the eyes closed, pallor overspreads the countenance, and the spirit has fled from its ruined tenement of clay. Released, disembodied, it has sought, and found its own place. He who has exemplified the golden, Masonic virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity, need fear no translation. He will only go over to the majority—his spirit will return to God, who gave it.

The monument to the memory of the late Bro. John Dove, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, has been "completed and paid for." Bro. James Evans, Grand Lecturer of this Grand Lodge, at the age of eighty years has declined a re-election.—*Keystone.*

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THE STREETS AS ART GALLERIES.

WE have received from Messrs. Cassell, Petter, and Galpin a programme of the promised contributions to the columns of their *Magazine of Art*, which is full and varied in character, and which, if carried out with the energy and ability which characterise the management of all the many periodical publications issued by this firm, will make the Magazine in question one of the most popular of the day. The promised articles will be written by men who have already distinguished themselves in the literature of Art, amongst whom may be mentioned Messrs. Sidney Colvin, Rev. R. St. John Tyrwhitt, Grant Allen, Lewis F. Day, J. W. Mollett, G. Beavington Atkinson, Percy Fitzgerald, Gilbert Redgrave, J. Forbes-Robertson, G. R. Halkett, H. Baden Pritchard, Egmont Hake, Allan S. Cole, and Wyke Bayliff. In the May number will appear an article entitled "The Streets as Art Galleries," in connection with which we have received a miniature engraving of the design by Mr. Hubert Herkomer, A.R.A., for a pictorial advertisement which will be made, as it were, the text of the article in question. The design is in every way worthy of that artist's reputation, and if Mr. Herkomer has only a small measure of success in bringing about a more artistic style in street advertisements, he will deserve and receive the thanks of the community. We fully recognise the truth of the proposition that the graphic arts, as they are presented to the eye in our streets and railway stations, are there seen "in their utmost degradation. No young barbarism could produce anything so vile, because in savage art there is always something direct, sincere, and germinative." The object of the present movement, in which Mr. Herkomer is taking so conspicuous a part, is to "extend art not merely to every reader, but to every passer in the street." The initiative was taken, we are told, some ten years ago by Mr. Frederick Walker, who designed a most artistic poster advertisement of Mr. Wilkie Collins's dramatic version of that writer's well-known work, the "Woman in White," and it was Mr. Walker's opinion, that a reform, in the direction indicated, of street advertising might lead to the development "of a most important branch of art," while the following opinion, expressed by Mr. Herkomer, is to a somewhat similar effect. "I go so far as to say," says that artist, "that here is a grand opportunity for displaying art to the populace, for, with the means usually employed, some of the most interesting works of art could be produced. Professor Richmond proposed, in his address at Edinburgh, that pictorial advertisements should be executed under the supervision of some artists of standing. I go much further, and say artists of standing ought to execute these pictorial advertisements themselves. Let a body of artists form a guild, and their productions would soon drive out the present form of hideousness." The movement has our heartiest wishes for its success, for nothing can be more unsightly than the barbarously-grotesque posters which disfigure our streets and public centres.

The Knights Templar of Richmond, Va., have courteously invited St. John's Commandery, of Providence, and De Molay Commandery, of Boston, to visit Richmond and accept the hospitalities of the brethren and Knights of that city. The invitation has been accepted by both Bodies, and committees have been appointed to make arrangements for the trip, which will occupy some eight or ten days. The two visiting Commanderies will probably go and return in company, taking the same route and making the same halts by the way. A tarry at Washington for a day or two, with the opportunity of visiting Mount Vernon, will very likely be included in the programme. Considerable enthusiasm has already been developed, and it is highly probable that both Commanderies will be largely represented in the excursion, which promises to be an occasion of special interest and enjoyment. The proposed visit will revive the memories of former interchanges of hospitality, whilst it will tend to bring into closer alliance and sympathy the Templars of two important jurisdictions. The visit will most likely be made in the early part of May.—*Freemasons' Repository.*

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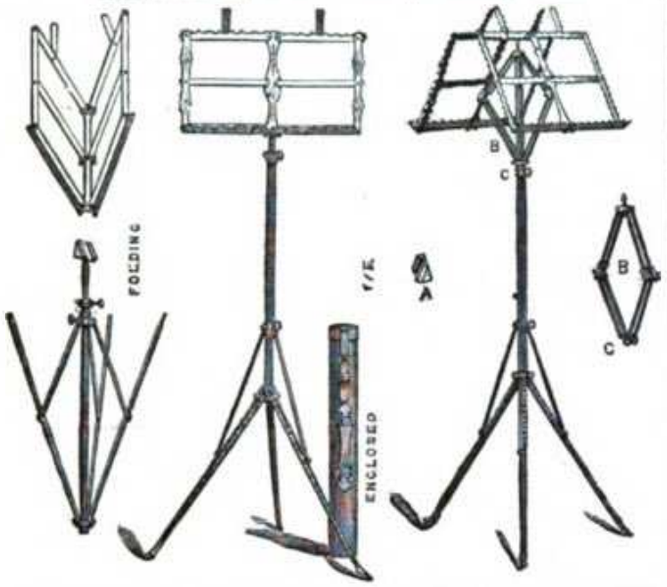
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POLISH NATIONAL LODGE, No. 534.

THE annual meeting of the Polish National Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, on Thursday, 14th inst., on which occasion Bro. Dr. Corrie Jackson was installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being efficiently conducted by Bro. Aspinall P.M. Bro. V. A. Jagielski, M.D., M.R.C.P., the W.M. of the year, presided at the opening of the Lodge, being supported by his Officers and several visitors and members. A part of the business of the evening was the acceptation and initiation of Mr. Jonah Nowakowski, son of the esteemed P.M. and Treasurer of the Lodge, and we need hardly say that he was most warmly received. A proposition to vote three sums of five guineas each—to Bro. Beckett, the late Tyler, on his retirement after 26 years' service, to the Girls' School, and to the Boys' School—having been disposed of, and the installation and other business of the evening transacted, the brethren proceeded to the Crown Room of Freemasons' Tavern, where a most enjoyable banquet was partaken of under the presidency of Bro. Corrie Jackson the new W.M., who in due course proceeded with the usual toasts. In giving that of the Initiate, Bro. Jackson expressed the pleasure he, in common with the other members of the Lodge, felt in receiving as one of their number a worthy son of so worthy a brother as their beloved Treasurer. He gave a few words of advice to Bro. Nowakowski jun., and concluded by expressing a hope that the son would follow in the footsteps of his father, and become as worthy a member of the Lodge, and as honoured a Mason as he. Bro. Nowakowski in acknowledgment expressed his hearty thanks to the W.M. and members of the Lodge for the very kind way in which they had received him. It would be his endeavour to fulfil all that Brother Jackson had pointed out he should do, and could only hope that in years to come he might occupy as proud a position as did his father at the present time. Bro. Jagielski then, in a forcible speech, proposed the health of the W.M. Although many toasts had already been proposed, and although it was customary to designate the toast of the Initiate the principal one of the evening, he could not but feel that the one he had to propose occupied the foremost position in the hearts of the members of the Lodge, being as it was the health of his esteemed and respected friend Bro. Jackson. (Cheers.) It was but an echo of the sentiment he himself felt to hear the hearty way in which the mention of their W.M.'s name was received. Bro. Jackson had always performed the work of his office most creditably, and now that he had reached the chair, Bro. Jagielski had little doubt but that he would continue to display his great ability. He felt sure that his year of office would prove a real success—would be one of which all would be able to boast, and that the members of the Lodge would have reason to congratulate themselves on having secured so distinguished a brother to preside over them. Personally it was a great satisfaction for him to leave the chair to be succeeded by so worthy a brother. Bro. Jackson having tendered his acknowledgments, referred to the progress of the Lodge during the time he had known it. It was between seven and eight years since that he had been initiated in it. At that time the Lodge was somewhat deficient in regard to its supply of Officers, for he well remembered that a visiting brother acted as Deacon at the time of his receiving the first degree, now there were so many of the members efficient and able to undertake the duties that he had had some little difficulty in deciding who to place in the respective offices, but he trusted that his appointments would merit the approval of all, and that the Lodge would be conducted with the heartiest goodwill during the ensuing year. He could not do better than conclude his remarks by the quotation given on the toast list from "The Taming of the Shrew"—

"Thus have I begun my reign,
And 'tis my hope to end successfully."

The health of the Visitors was now proposed and duly acknowledged, after which the W.M. gave the P.M.'s, briefly recounting the services each had rendered to the Lodge in the past, and particularly complimenting Bro. Aspinall on the way in which he had fulfilled the duties of Installing Master. He had never been so impressed by a ceremony as by the one he had that evening taken a part in. Bro. Jagielski having briefly replied, was followed by Bro. Major Szulczewski, who, as one of the founders of the Lodge, was particularly honoured in the proposition and reception of the toast. He very much regretted that he had been unable to attend as much of late as he could have desired, but his health would not permit of his being out as often as he could wish. The present state of the Lodge was a great satisfaction to him. He could but look back on its past history with pride, and although there were very many of its P.M.'s then absent—many of them having gone to another world—he saw around him worthy brethren, whom he considered in every way suited to continue the good work they had commenced. He was particularlygratified at the initiation that day of one of their countrymen—he might almost say one of their own sons. Although he was happy to see brethren of other nationalities among them, he could not forget that the Lodge was established for the benefit of Poles, who from causes of adversity, were obliged to seek shelter on the hospitable shores of England. He hoped it would long continue as a memento of the gratitude of his countrymen for the symyathy the men of England had evinced towards them in the hour of their suffering. He concluded by endorsing the remarks of the W.M. in thanking the Installing Officer for the way in which the work had that evening been performed. Bro. Nowakakowski followed, particularly referring to the pleasure he felt in witnessing the hearty reception the brethren had accorded to his son. Bros. Cummings, Aspinall, and Paas also tendered their acknowledgments, the latter brother referring to his long tenure of office as Secretary to the Lodge, and announcing his desire to be relieved of the work at the end of the present year. This announcement was received with great regret by all assembled, and hopes were expressed that Bro. Paas would reconsider the matter, and eventually continue in the post, the duties of which he had so faithfully fulfilled for many years past, and for which he was so justly honoured by every member of the Lodge. The health of the Officers was duly proposed and acknowledged, thus bringing to a conclusion the programme of the evening. Before separating the brethren received from Bro. Beckett a hearty expression of thanks for the great kindnesses he had experienced at their hands. He hoped that the Lodge would long continue its prosperous career. Among the Visitors were Bros. Bradford Pierpoint 1452, Gwinnell 1235, W. Atkins P.M. 857, J. A. Reed S.D. 1228, W. Goldsmith 1769, C. A. Betts 46, C. J. Chambers 834, H. W. Alford J.W. 228, H. G. Powell 50, R. T. Kingham P.M. 1507, J. Rosenthal 1017, W. Skinner 227, E. Bellamy 263, J. Bassett, J. Newcomb 742, E. C. Kilsley 871, G. McRae 180, B. Gallon 1670, C. P. Farlow 171, W. W. Morgan jun. FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

MERCHANT NAVY LODGE, No. 781.

AT the meeting of this Lodge, held at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, on Wednesday, the 13th instant, the installation of Bro. Benjamin Carne Rawe took place. There was a numerous assemblage of brethren, including several visitors, among whom were Bro. Buss and other brethren of distinction. The ceremony was performed by Bro. James Terry (an honorary member of this Lodge) in a masterly and impressive manner. Indeed, seldom has he been listened to with such pleasure as upon this occasion. After being installed, the new W.M., in very appropriate terms, presented, in the name of the Lodge, a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Andrew Scheerboom, the retiring Master, as a token of the appreciation of the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge during his year of office. The business of the Lodge being then ended, it was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, well served by Bro. Emanuel Gregory, the host, over which the new W.M. presided with great ability. The usual toasts were then drunk, and Bro. Buss replied for the Grand Officers past and present. The Worshipful

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Master was proposed, in a neat little speech, by Bro. Scheerboom, the I.P.M., and suitably acknowledged by Bro. Rawe. The health of the Visitors followed, and was responded to by Bro. Turquand and several others, Bro. J. Keable concluding his remarks by reading the following lines:—

We meet around this festive-board, where oft we 've met before,
To celebrate the birthday of our Master, Brother Rawe.

May happiness attend his path, and heaven his life long spare,
To meet with brethren whom he loves with upright lives and square.

We know his kindliness of heart, his liberal hand and free,
To benefit whene'er he can the cause of Masonry.

The Merchant Navy Lodge can boast of names a long array,
Who have good suit and service done in their Masonic day.

There's Reid and Wright, and Neville too,—there's Scheerboom, Daniels, Reeves,
And others, too—an honoured line—of brethren such as these.

Then while we drink to Brother Rawe, in this we all concur,
That in his office he may have a prosperous, happy year.

May candidates come forth to join, and his the privilege be,
Of shewing them the mysteries of our old Freemasonry.

And when his year comes to its close, and he has ran his race,
We hope the "*Ould* 'un" sitting there may come to take his place.

W.M. then proposed the health of the Installing Master, and Bro. Terry responded in eloquent terms, and took the opportunity of making an earnest appeal on behalf of the Masonic Charities. The Treasurer and Secretary was the next toast, and Bro. E. T. Reid, the highly esteemed Secretary of the Lodge, replied for himself and for Bro. Wright, who we regret was unavoidably absent through domestic affliction. The Officers of the Merchant Navy Lodge followed, and the Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant and profitable evening.

DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 860.

THE annual meeting of this popular and ably-conducted Lodge took place on Thursday, the 14th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Beyond the event of the day—the installation of Bro. W. J. Smith—there was but little work to be done. The brethren assembled at four o'clock, when Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. G. Dickins, who was well supported by Past Masters W. H. Wallington (Treasurer), L. F. Littell (Secretary), T. B. Dodson (Director of Ceremonies), John C. Bates, H. W. Dalwood, and George Weige. Among the visiting brethren we noticed Bros. Thomas Clark J.D. 1178, John Hattersley 1366, Henry Evans 144, F. W. Farmer 25, R. J. Taylor W.M. 144, James Kift 1791, A. W. Herzog 902, J. S. Easey 511, T. Underwood 1679, C. J. Burnett 1624, W. Watkins 1076, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, T. Scowcroft 467. After reading and confirmation of the minutes, the Auditors' report was received and adopted. Bro. Dickins then proceeded with the installation ceremony, which he performed in a very satisfactory manner. The W.M. invested the following brethren as Officers for the ensuing twelve months:—R. Burleton S.W., J. Barker J.W., W. H. Wallington P.M. Treasurer, L. F. Littell P.M. Secretary, Jos. Pavitt S.D., Christian J.D., Saunders I.G., Tomkins D.C., Corun W.S., Marsh Tyler. The W.M., in investing the several Officers, addressed them most fully as to what was expected of them in the due fulfilment of their several trusts; and then the Installing Master gave a forcible rendering of the customary addresses. Routine work followed, hearty good wishes were tendered, and Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was served by Bro. Clemow, the spirited proprietor of this popular Masonic establishment, and on the removal of the cloth Bro. Smith proceeded with the toasts. After "The Queen and the Craft," the National Anthem was sung by Bro. W. H. Wallington, with Bro. Kift at the piano. "The Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of English Freemasons," was next honoured, and Bro. Past Master Weige sang, "God Bless the Prince of Wales." After the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Officers, Bro. Kift gave the amusing song, "Proverbial Philosophy," and then Bro. Dickins proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Smith had been an assiduous worker in every post he had held in the Lodge, and as W.M. all felt convinced he would not relax in his zeal for its welfare. He (Bro. Dickins) had great pleasure in asking the brethren to do honour to the toast. After a capital song by Bro. Farmer, the W.M. replied. From the first moment he had entered the Lodge he had been actuated by but one feeling—the welfare of its members. He meant well, and would do all he could to promote the happiness and comfort of the brethren. In proposing the health of the Immediate Past Master, the Installing Officer of the evening, the W.M. spoke in the highest terms of praise of the way in which Bro. Dickins had carried out his duties, and of how he had consummated his year's work by performing the ceremony of installation. The jewel it was his privilege to be the medium of presenting from the members was well deserved, and he trusted might long be appreciated by the wearer. Without further remark, he would call on the brethren to drink the toast. After a song by Bro. Weige—"The Old Bottel"—rendered with that worthy brother's wonted vigour, Bro. I.P.M. Dickins replied; he was much indebted to Bro. Smith. He had tried to do his best for the Lodge during the term of his Mastership, and had received every kindness at the hands of the members. He was sincerely grateful for the Past Master's jewel, which it would ever be his pleasure to wear, and he had specially to thank some of the brethren who had thought fit to supplement the gift made by the Lodge. In proposing the health of the Visiting Brethren, the W.M. said that if there was one toast more than another they desired to honour in the Dalhousie Lodge, it was that of those who favoured them with their company as guests. With the toast he would associate the names of Bros. Taylor, Farmer, and Morgan. At this stage of the evening Bro. Herzog played a selection on the zither, discoursing most exquisite music from this little instrument. The several brethren named then replied for the Visitors, and bore testimony to the happy feeling pervading the Lodge, and the ability displayed by one and all in the conduct of its affairs; at the same time expressing a hope that during the present Master's reign still further prosperity might be the result of the year. In replying for the Past Masters, Bro. Bates spoke of the gratification felt by those who had passed the chair at seeing the continued prosperity of the Lodge. The members seemed united as one man, and so long as this continued, the result would be all that could be desired. In proposing the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, reference was made to the zeal displayed by each in conducting the business of the Lodge. The members fully appreciated the exertions of their esteemed Secretary, who, on account of his official duties, had felt almost constrained to resign his post. However, Bro. Littell had once again consented to place his services at the disposal of the brethren, and one and all trusted it might be many years ere his association with the Lodge, in his present capacity, came to a termination. "The Officers," and other toasts in due course followed, and adequate responses were elicited. The musical abilities of the brethren were well displayed throughout the evening, and the arrangements throughout seemed to give unqualified satisfaction.

Lodge of Union, No. 414.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present:—Bros. C. Stephens W.M., S. Bradley I.P.M., R. C. Mount S.W., F. J. Ferguson J.W., Rev. N. T. Garry Chaplain, S. A. Pocock P.M. Treasurer, M. J. Withers Secretary, S. Wheeler S.D., A. W. Parry J.D., Butler Acting D.C., F. Blackwell Acting I.G., Haywood Organist, Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters Bros. J. Morris, Oades, Baker; Bros. Higgs, Moffatt, Grant, Hart, George, Rayner, Hawkes, Chamberlain, G. Webb, Dodd, Sherwood, J. F. Stevens. Visitors—Bros. W. Ferguson W.M. 1101, E. J. Blackwell S.W. 1101, Tench 1225, Hodge 357, Watts and Hunn 1533, W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary 1101. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. F. Stevens, a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, and retired. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Stevens was passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. Rayner, having satisfactorily answered the questions leading to the third degree, was entrusted, and raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being performed by the W.M. in a very admirable manner. The absence of music, both instrumental and vocal, which would have given an additional effect to this beautiful ceremony, was very apparent. We understand that for the future this omission will be remedied. After the proposal of candidates and the usual ceremonies, Lodge was closed according to ancient form.

La Tolérance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.—At the Green Dragon, Maddox-street, on Wednesday, the 20th inst. Bros. J. Hurdell W.M., W. H. Richardson S.W., J. Paul J.W., J. Hurdell Preceptor, L. G. Langdon Hon. Sec. The Fifteen Sections were worked as under:—First Lecture:—Bros. L. G. Langdon, W. C. Smith, H. Cundy, J. Birrell, W. C. Smith, E. Child, and J. Paul. Second Lecture:—Bros. T. C. Pratt, W. J. Burgess, J. Hemming, J. Paul, and J. Winterbottom. Third Lecture:—Bros. W. H. Richardson, W. Berrell, and J. Paul.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—A meeting was held at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, W., on 21st inst. Present—Bros. A. Jones W.M., J. Green S.W., J. Wells J.W., C. Bellerby S.D., T. Smith J.D., Owen I.G., and Bros. H. Stephens, Geflowski, and Tucker. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Lodge was opened up to third degree, closed in third, and resumed to first degree. Bro. T. Smith answered the questions leading to degree of F.C., and the Lodge was resumed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Smith candidate. The W.M. next rehearsed the ceremony of initiation with the same candidate. Bro. J. Green was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting.

We beg to remind our readers that the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales and Salop will be held at the Town Hall, Newport, on Tuesday next, the 26th instant. The business will include, among other matters, the election of a Provincial Grand Treasurer, and the appointment and investiture of the Provincial Grand Officers for the year. At one o'clock will be consecrated the Audley Lodge, No. 1896, and the Provincial Grand Lodge having been closed, the brethren will march in procession to church. A banquet will be held at half-past three o'clock, and those desirous of attending must send in their applications on or before this day (Saturday), the 23rd instant.

A Meeting of the Metropolitan Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees will be held at the Masonic Rooms, 8A Red Lion Square, this day (Saturday), at three o'clock p.m., to confer the degrees of St. Laurence the Martyr and Knight of Constantinople on approved candidates, and to elect the W.M. and Treasurer.

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EASTERTIDE SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

THE Easter holidays afford the British public ample opportunities for indulging in some of their favourite outdoor sports and pastimes, and it is needless to say the opportunities are turned to very excellent account. For those who are content with making one or more excursions to their favourite inland or seaside resorts, the railway and other companies offer every facility. Those, again, who prefer witnessing or taking part in some special sports or pastimes have no difficulty in so doing. In London and throughout the Provinces there are athletic and similar grounds almost without number, and at one and all of them some kind of arrangement is made with a view to meeting the wishes and needs of the public in this respect. Here foot races are organised. There a series of wrestling contests is provided. In a third locality cricket or rowing finds the chief favour, while as regards indoor entertainments, the theatres and music halls, museums and arts galleries—all these are crowded with eager and interested visitors. We need not enter very minutely into details. Our daily contemporaries have furnished these already in abundance. A short outline, however, will doubtless prove interesting.

On Good Friday was held at Lillie Bridge Grounds, West Brompton, the annual meeting of the Cumberland and Westmoreland Wrestling Society. The attendance was very large, while the sport was of the usual excellent character. There were three matches for (1) the London Twelve Stone Prize, for which there were thirty-eight entries; (2) the Champion All Weights Prize, for which sixty-seven entered; and (3) the Country Eleven and a Half Stone Prize, for which there mustered a field of fifty-six. J. W. Wannop of Carlisle, won the first of these contests; G. Steadman who scaled 17st. 6lb. threw Lowden, of Frizington, 16st. 10lb., and took the Champion Prize; and J. Frear, of Frizington, after a series of sharp tussles with J. Moffatt, of Brampton, won the Country Prize. In addition to these, the programme contained an Open Quarter-Mile Handicap, and a Pole-Leaping contest. In the former, W. E. Pearl, 52 yards, G. Chillingworth 28 yards, and W. Broughton 48 yards, were placed first, second, and third respectively, and were awarded the corresponding prizes of £15, £4, and £2. In the Pole-leaping, John Thwaites, of Keswick, took the First Prize, clearing 10ft. 1in. while the Second was divided between J. F. Simpson, Ulverstone, and J. Pearem, of Keswick, each of whom cleared 9ft. 10in. On Saturday, a second similar meeting was held, the Prize being the Championship of the World Belt, presented by Sir John D. Astley. The wrestling on this occasion was of what is known as "the catch-hold" description, and G. Steadman, of Drybeck, repeated his victory of last year and secured the trophy. Should he prove victorious in 1882 the Belt will become his absolute property.

With Easter Monday there have of late years been associated two interesting events—the Volunteer Review, which though it lapsed for a few years, has now been revived, and the Easter Hunt in Epping Forest. The interest in the latter event is limited; it is not every citizen of London who is desirous of emulating the performance of the immortal John Gilpin. But the Volunteer Review is popular throughout the country, and we are glad to see the War Office authorities are willing to recognise that a volunteer field day on a large scale, if it has no other effect than to keep our citizen soldiers in excellent humour, is productive of some good. If it results in no other benefit, it proves the carrying powers of one of our leading railway companies are equal to almost any emergency. The punctual conveyance to and from Brighton of some 15,000 troops, to say nothing of the heavy holiday traffic, which was dealt with easily, is a feat of which the directors of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Co. has every reason to be proud. As regards the Review itself, the manœuvres appear to have been well conceived and well executed—so far as the contracted space and time would allow; while the march-past gave every satisfaction. The Duke of Connaught was in command of a division, and among the distinguished officers present were H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, F.M. commanding-in-chief, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, and General Higginson, in charge of the arrangements of the day.

The race for the Hundred Miles Bicycle Championship of the World was run at Leicester on Saturday. Eight of the competitors who had entered appeared at the post and after a gallant struggle, G. W. Waller of Newcastle-on-Tyne, the long distance champion, won by five yards from H. Higham of Nottingham, A. E. Derkinderin of Coventry taking the third prize. Wood, Evans, Lamb, Edlin, and Patrick severally covered the eighty miles necessary to entitle them to the award of £2 to all who accomplished that distance.

Though the cricket season is not supposed to begin till May, it is not unusual for some county teams to test the strength of their rising players at Easter. Three of these test matches took place on Monday and Tuesday of this week. One of them came off on the Leicestershire Cricket Ground, when a County and Town team met under the captaincy of G. Parker and J. Garner respectively. The struggle was a close one, the Town team winning by one wicket. The same day the Derbyshire Colts Match was played at Derby between the County Eleven and Twenty-two Colts and resulted in a draw, which was slightly in favour of the Eleven. The Notts Colts Match was played at the Trent Bridge Ground, the Twenty-two making 85 and 171 (with one wicket to fall), while the Eleven scored 103 in their first and only innings.

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WALTER RODWELL WRIGHT.

FROM BRO. A. M. BROADLEY'S HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN THE DISTRICT OF MALTA.

WITH a considerable reputation both as a jurist and *homme de lettres*, Walter Rodwell Wright, who had devoted many years of an active life to Masonic researches, was appointed early in the present century to the post of British Consul in the Ionian Islands, which subsequently became the theme of his admirable descriptive poem "Horæ Ionicæ."* In the year 1801 (December 18th) Bro. Wright joined the Prince of Wales Lodge (then No. 412), and three years later was elected Grand Master of the Order of the Red Cross in England, this degree being then at the zenith of its prosperity. He was at that time described as "a most distinguished Mason and a personal friend of the Dukes of Kent and Sussex." In 1807, Edward, Duke of Kent, having executed a charter or warrant for the revival of "The Knights of the exalted religious and military Orders of the Temple and Holy Sepulchre of St. John of Jerusalem," &c., Bro. Wright was elected Grand Master on the 12th April of that year.† He continued to hold the office till the 6th August 1812, when the Duke of Sussex succeeded him. In the record of the meeting of the Grand Council of the Red Cross held on the 15th December 1810, Sir Knight Wright is described as Grand Commander.‡ On the 27th January 1813,§ he attended at the ceremony accompanying the presentation of a magnificent jewel to the D.G.M. the Earl of Moira, who was about to leave England as Governor-General of India. Shortly before this he had been appointed P.G.M. of the Ionian Islands, and composed the ode sung at this farewell dinner in the presence of six royal dukes, all members of the Craft.

Although on the 18th May 1813, he informed the Grand Council of the Red Cross of "his approaching departure for a foreign land," he was destined to take a very prominent part in the most important Masonic transaction that England has ever seen, viz., the Union of the Two Grand Lodges of the Ancients and Moderns. In the Articles of Union, dated the 1st December 1813, his name immediately follows that of the Duke of Sussex as one of the five signatories on behalf of the Grand Lodge *under the Constitution of England*, and he was present at the magnificent ceremonials of the Lodge of Reconciliation and first meeting of the United Grand Lodge of England, which took place on the 27th December of the same year. Meanwhile he had resigned the Grand Mastership of the Red Cross, and proposed the Duke of Sussex as his successor. It was resolved to present him with a testimonial of not less than one hundred pounds in value. On the 19th July 1813, G.M. Wright informed the governing body that he had conferred on the Duke of Sussex the noviciate, whereupon the latter was unanimously elected a Grand Cross. His Royal Highness was then introduced, and admitted to the Grand Cross, "making his offering according to ancient custom." He was on the same day elected G.M. for his natural life, and duly installed by his predecessor. On the 11th September the Council resolved to inform P.G.M. Wright that a sum had been paid to his bankers, which he was requested "to dispose of either by the purchase of a sword or other ornament as a mark of remembrance of that affection and regard his zeal and Masonic labours had established in the hearts of his brethren and companions." Returning once more to the memorable 27th December 1813, we find that the recitation of an ode written by Bro. Wright formed an important portion of the day's proceedings. It is printed *in extenso* in Preston's "Illustrations" (p 429), and extends over five pages. Amongst the papers of Bro. Wright in Malta we have found a similar effusion, of which he is said to be the joint author, and which certainly adds to his claim to rank as one of the most able and industrious of Masonic minstrels.

During the following year Bro. Walter Rodwell Wright proceeded to Malta to fill the important posts of President of His Majesty's Court of Appeal and Senior Member of the Supreme Council of Justice in that island. With the advent of Bro. Wright the reliable history of modern Masonry in Malta may be said to begin.

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* Preston's "Illustrations" (p 350).

† Colquhoun's "History of the Order of the Temple" (p 134).

‡ An engraving of Bro. Wright was published by Mr. Scott on the 17th November 1813. He wears a collar from which depends a R.A. jewel. On his breast is the jewel of the Order of the Red Cross. Beneath are the arms of the Degrees of K.T. and Kadosh, and several emblems belonging to the former. This print still can be seen in the Masonic Hall at Malta.

§ Preston (p 350.)

[In our Review of Bro. Broadley's book, we have referred to the above Sketch of the late distinguished Freemason, Bro. W. R. Wright, but we are certain the *full* particulars will be none the less acceptable to our readers, because, in a former article, we have given a *résumé*.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Belgrave Lodge of Instruction, No. 749, at the Harp Tavern, 19 Jermyn-street, W., on Friday, 29th inst., at seven o'clock p.m. Bros. J. H. Watts P.M. 1201 W.M., C. A. Woods S.W. 145 S.W., J. E. Scott P.M. 749 J.W., E. Farwig P.M. 180 Preceptor, J. B. Docker W.M. 1687 Hon. Sec. First Lecture:—Bros. Levi, H. Cohen, J. E. Shand, W. Mole, C. Smith, J. W. Collens, and E. Farwig. Second Lecture:—Bros. J. E. Scott, J. Paul, J. Hemming, C. A. Woods, and J. B. Docker. Third Lecture:—Bros. W. J. Burgess, G. P. Festa, and W. H. Richardson.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 23rd APRIL.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe

MONDAY, 25th APRIL.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1435—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1819—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station

48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 26th APRIL.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
92—Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1803—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T.—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 27th APRIL.

GRAND FESTIVAL, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction.)
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1292—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton

R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 21—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester

THURSDAY, 28th APRIL.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
99—Shakespeare, The Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
1339—Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7. (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Aire Street, W.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
904—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 424—De Burghi, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 29th APRIL.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction.)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster

SATURDAY, 30th APRIL.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

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Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554.—Held at Bro. Walter's, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney, E., on the 19th inst. Bros. J. Taylor W.M., Smith S.W., A. Wood J.W., Shingfield Deacon, A. Walker I.G.; also Bros. W. Cross Hon. Sec., Horner, Poulter, Stephens, &c. Lodge was opened with all due observance, and was advanced. Bro. Poulter was then interrogated and proved efficient, Lodge was opened up and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed, Bro. Poulter candidate. Lodge was closed to 1st degree and the W.M. worked the first and second sections of the lecture, in which he was assisted by the brethren. Bro. Smith was elected W.M. for the meeting on the 10th proximo, the intervening Tuesdays being devoted to the meeting of the Masonic Charitable Association, on the 26th inst., and the Annual Lodge Banquet, on the 3rd proximo. Tickets for the banquet, 3s 6d, can be obtained of any member of the Lodge, and of Bro. W. Cross Hon. Sec., 109 Harford-street, Stepney, E.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—Held at the Lamb Tavern, Bethnal-green Junction, on Wednesday, 20th instant. Bros. Christian W.M., Forss S.W., Hammond J.W., Stewart S.D., Brittain J.D., Abrahams I.G., Hand Secretary; also Bros. Ward, Clark, &c. The W.M. opened the Lodge, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Clark answered the questions leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. The W.M. opened the Lodge in the third, and ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The W.M. gave the Traditional History. Bro. Forss worked the first and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Forss was elected W.M. for next meeting. The annual supper will take place on the 4th of May, at seven o'clock sharp.

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ST. MARYLEBONE LODGE, No. 1305.

THE Installation meeting was held on Wednesday, 13th inst., at the Eyre Arms Hotel, St. John's Wood. The Lodge was opened by the outgoing W.M. Bro. Charles Arthur Smith, who was supported by a goodly party of Past Masters, Officers, and members of the Lodge, with the following, amongst other, Visitors:—Bros. James Long P.M. 733, Samuel Drewell 177, B. A. Groves 172, George Dorsitt 172, Henry Lake 59, J. A. Alsopp 1381, G. B. Yapp 21, F. Higgins late 1305, John Douglass 228, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211. The business on the agenda paper, in addition to the event of the day—the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. E. W. Timewell—comprised the raising of Bro. Ellis, and the passing of Bros. Dunn and Pescod. The ballot was brought into requisition for Mr. George Felton, a candidate for initiation, who was proposed by Bro. Ellis, and seconded by the W.M. The result was unanimous in favour of this candidate. Bro. Frederick Seager Hunt, of the Canterbury Lodge, No. 1635, had likewise expressed a desire to join this Lodge, and on proposition duly made at the last meeting by Bro. Past Master Baker, seconded by Bro. Charles Arthur Smith the W.M., the ballot was again brought into requisition, and the candidate was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Charles Arthur Smith, as Installing Master, fulfilled the highest expectations of his friends, and carried out the duties in an eminently satisfactory manner. On the re-admission of the brethren below the rank of I.M. the customary greetings were given, and then came the appointment of Officers, with the following result: Phillips S.W., White P.M. J.W., Wm. Botting Treasurer, Baker P.M. Secretary, Moufiet S.D., Hill J.D., Halliday I.G., Gomm Director of Ceremonies, Drake W.S., Daley Tyler. After the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren had been delivered, the new W.M. performed the ceremony of initiating Bro. Felton, the candidate named above, and gave an earnest of the ability he will bring to bear in the fulfilment of his duties as W.M. during the ensuing twelve months. Routine work followed; it was decided that the Lodge should have a Summer Banquet in lieu of the usual June Banquet, and during the discussion on this question some pleasant reminiscences were indulged in of the happy surroundings attending previous gatherings of a like nature. A proposition stood on the paper that the sum of £10 be voted from the funds of the Lodge for a testimonial to Bro. E. White, as a slight acknowledgment of services so ably rendered as Secretary for a period of five years. Some considerable discussion ensued hereon. The members, one and all, seemed to appreciate the zeal displayed by their worthy Secretary; and in the end an amendment was carried that fifteen guineas be voted from the Funds of the Lodge for this laudable purpose. Soon after the Lodge was closed. The banquet was capitally served, under the personal superintendence of the Bros. Perrot, the proprietors of the hotel, whose exertions seemed to be thoroughly appreciated by the members and their guests. The W.M. gave the Loyal toasts, which were done full honour to. Bro. C. A. Smith I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. All were pleased to see Bro. Timewell in the chair of the Lodge. He (Bro. Smith) had worked step by step with the W.M., who had filled every office in the Lodge. As to his capacity for conducting the business, what he had already done that evening would give evidence of what the members might expect of him. For his own part he had no hesitation in saying that Bro. Timewell was thoroughly conversant with every detail, and that his year of office would be a thoroughly successful one. The members one and all would join in wishing Bro. Timewell every happiness. After Bro. W. Pope had favoured the company with a song—"The Skipper and his Boy"—the W.M. replied. He, thanked Bro. C. A. Smith for the kind way in which he had submitted the toast, and the brethren for the heartiness they had accorded it. He could assure them he had the interests of the St. Marylebone Lodge at heart, and would strive to add to its lustre and prosperity. The next toast on the list was the health of the Initiate, and the W.M. remarked that the members were at all times gratified in receiving additions to their ranks when candidates came with such recommendations as Bro. Felton had brought him. After Bro. Morgan had given a recital, the "Wreck of the Indian Chief," the Initiate replied, and then a compliment was paid to the joining member of the day. Bro. Seager Hunt, the W.M. said, had a local reputation; they gave him a hearty welcome, and trusted his engagements would permit of his frequent attendance at the meetings of the Lodge. Bro. Seager Hunt thanked the W.M. and the members for the reception they had given him. He was but a young Mason; still it was a pleasure to him to say that he already fully realised that the carrying out of the true principles of Freemasonry had a tendency to make them better men and better citizens. There had been a time perhaps when he had felt inclined to ridicule the pretensions put forth on its behalf; however, he was now more deeply impressed, and felt especially grateful to Bros. Baker and Smith for introducing him to the Lodge. In proposing the health of the I.P.M., the W.M. scarcely knew what to say. Bro. Charles Arthur Smith had had a very successful year of office. His happy face and general geniality of temperament had diffused a sense of comfort all around. He had well merited the P.M.'s jewel, which it was now his (the Worshipful Master's) duty to place on his breast, and it was the sincere hope of the brethren that the G.A.O.T.U. might grant him many years of life to wear it. The jewel, which was of neat and artistic design, bore the following inscription:—

Presented by
the St. Marylebone Lodge, No. 1305,
To Brother CHARLES ARTHUR SMITH, P.M.,
for his valuable services as Worshipful Master for the year ending
April 13th 1881.

Bro. Smith in reply said, His year of office had essentially been one of success. As the Master had gracefully put it, his list for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February last had been well supported, and he was in a position to take up on behalf of his Stewardship a sum of over £82. Theirs was not, numerically speaking, a large Lodge, but their contributions had enabled them to rank as about No. 10 on the list as regards amount. He expressed his thanks to the Past Masters for the assistance they had always given him. The pleasant gatherings in the Lodge would ever be associated in his mind, and the jewel which the brethren had presented to him he hoped to wear for many years. In conclusion, he trusted he might long have the gratification of meeting the happy faces of those he now saw around him. The Visitors were next complimented, and Bro. Yapp and others acknowledged the toast. Bro. P.M. White in replying to the toast of the P.M.'s, alluded to the recognition made of his services. He assured the brethren the duties were of no trivial character. He was ambitious to occupy the post of honour in his Lodge, but he thought he had waited patiently. He had advanced a step that evening. Any assistance he could give to the newly-appointed Secretary was always at command. The remaining toasts in due course were disposed of, and the brethren separated, gratified at the success attending the day's proceedings. The Past Masters of the Lodge who were present in addition to those already mentioned, were Bros. J. L. Baker, G. Draper, W. W. Tyler, S. Stringer, Thomas Smith, J. J. Pope, and Henry Ashwell.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—Held at Bro. Fromm's, the Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, on Wednesday, 13th inst. This Lodge met in its new city Quarters, under the presidency of the veteran Brother T. J. Barnes 554 and 933, supported by Bros. W. Musto P.M. 1349 as I.P.M. in the temporary absence of Bro. W.H. Myers P.M. 820 and 1445 the Preceptor, who arrived before closing; S. L. Green P.M. acted as S.W., McDonald as J.W. Lodge being opened, and the minutes read, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Kimbell being candidate. The first, second, and third sections of the lecture were worked by Brother McDonald, assisted by the brethren. Lodge being closed in the second degree, and the dues collected, Bro. S. L. Green was elected W.M. for Wednesday, 20th. The brethren unanimously expressed their pleasure in having the company of Bros. Barnes and Musto. The following brethren were also present: G. C. Young W.M. 820, Partridge S.W. 1445, J. Robson, C. Robson, Loring, Ewen, Kerton, C. Smith, Seymour-Clarke Sec.

Mount Edgcumbe Lodge of Instruction, No. 1446.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday last, at the Harp Tavern, Jermyn-street, Piccadilly. Bros. Blundell W.M., Richardson S.W., Skinner, J.W. Among those present were Bros. Paul, Hemming, Docker, Wood, W. C. Smith, Wood, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, when Bro. Paul worked the first section of the third lecture. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Paul acting as candidate. Lodge was then closed to first degree, and Bro. Richardson was unanimously elected W.M. for Tuesday week, after which Lodge was closed in harmony. We beg to remind the brethren that on Tuesday, the 26th April, the Fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge of Instruction, to commence at seven o'clock, Bro. Paul in the chair.

The Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, for which a Warrant has recently been granted by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of England, will be consecrated on the first Wednesday in May. His Royal Highness cannot possibly attend, but a member of the Royal family will, it is expected, be present, and the Grand Lodge will also be represented. Owing to the large muster of brethren anticipated on the occasion, the ceremony will take place in the Lecture Hall, Penny-street, but the regular meetings of the Lodge (which are fixed for the first Wednesday in each month) will be held in the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth. The Prince of Wales has intimated to Commander Lord Charles Beresford, the W.M. elect, his intention to visit the Lodge during his stay at Osborne, towards the close of the summer.—*Portsmouth Times.*

The Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602, have adjourned their next meeting until Tuesday next, 26th April. The Lodge is held at the Crown and Woolpack Tavern, St. John-street-road, Bro. R. Pearcy P.M. 228 Preceptor.

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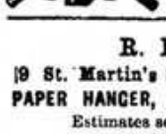
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FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Ninety-third Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, the 18th May. The newly-elect R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Gloucestershire, the Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., has consented to preside, and what with the support he may rely upon receiving from his Province, and the exertions which we are justified in anticipating will be made by the Board of Stewards, we trust the announcement which it will devolve on Bro. Hedges to make will be as satisfactory as the friends and supporters of the School can desire. There are, however, apart from the very natural anxiety of the brethren to support so long-established, well-ordered, and serviceable an Institution, many and various important reasons why Bro. Hedges and the Board of Stewards for the year should meet with a prompt and liberal response from the Craft generally to their eloquent appeals for the pecuniary help which is so much needed, and these reasons we will devote some modicum of space to consider in this article, so that our readers may have an opportunity of weighing them well between now and the day of the Festival.

Our friends need hardly to be informed that our Girls' School was founded in the year 1788, chiefly through the active exertions of the late Bro. Chevalier Ruspini, surgeon dentist to George III., who for a succession of years held the office of Grand Sword Bearer, and other enthusiastic brethren, who with him succeeded in enlisting the sympathy of our then Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland and his Duchess, after whom, indeed, the School was at first named. From the beginning of its career, it appealed successfully to the good wishes of the Craft, and it can proudly boast, that in the period of its existence, it has educated, clothed, and maintained as many as twelve hundred and fifty daughters of distressed or deceased brethren. Like many successful institutions of a similar character, it had but a very modest start in life, but it has been slowly but surely increasing, till now there are maintained within its walls no less than 228 girls. That so much substantial assistance should have been rendered, and be in the way of being rendered to children who would otherwise have been brought up in comparative poverty, and have had no better education, perhaps, than is afforded at a small day school, must be in the highest degree gratifying to the Craft generally, but especially to those who have had a hand in effecting so much good. But having brought the School to this state of efficiency, and having undertaken the maintenance and education of so large a number of girls, there is all the greater reason why the Craft must continue annually its exertions. It is scarcely necessary to point out that the greater the undertaking, the greater must be the amount of support, and the greater will be the energy indispensable to furnish such support. Another element that cannot be lost sight of is, the just pride we must all feel at the splendour of this particular monument we have been successful in rearing in honour of the grand principles of Freemasonry, and having erected this monument, it is our bounden duty to maintain it in the most perfect state of efficiency. It must never be in the power of any folk to point the finger of scorn at the English Craft, and charge them with having entered on a task which, as the years rolled on, they found it was impossible for them to continue. We have more than once expressed ourselves strongly against the practice during these later years of too rapidly extending our central Institutions. But now that the extension has been made, we loyally bury our old opinions out of sight, and are prepared to support any and every measure which, after due consideration by the authorities, may be thought necessary in order to maintain their present status. Thus, it having once been resolved to purchase Lyncombe House, and receive into the School an additional twenty-five girls, we are as eager as those whom, in the exercise of what we conceived to be our duty, we opposed, to do all we can to keep the School up to its present strength. These are among the principal reasons why we trust the Festival about to be held next Wednesday fortnight will be at least as successful as any of its predecessors.

Let us next consider the income and expenditure of the School, so that we may judge of the amount which *must* be provided annually for its support. The ordinary expenditure for the year 1880, during which there was an average of 199 pupils on the roll of the Institution, is reported by the Auditors to have amounted to £7,184 1s 9d, which gives an average cost per girl of £36 2s. If we take into account the cost of the additional twenty-five who began their school career in January, we shall find that for ordinary purposes, the sum of, in round figures, £8,000 is absolutely necessary. Leaving the purchase of Lyncombe House and certain Government Stock out of the question, we find the further expenditure incurred reached the sum of £1,655 12s 4d. Taking the two together we arrive at a total of over £9,655; or, if we allow a liberal margin for contingencies, we shall at the same time be not very greatly exaggerating if we affirm that a round £10,000 must be forthcoming every year towards the support of our Girls' School. Towards this amount Grand Lodge contributes £150 and Grand Chapter £10 10s, while the interest on invested moneys is set down in 1880 as having been £1,245, so that adding these together, the total permanent income is £1,405 10s. But stating it broadly at £1,500, it must nevertheless be obvious to our readers that about six-sevenths of the year's requirements must be subscribed by the Craft, if at least the School is to be maintained at its present strength. Be it also remembered that, in saying this, we are leaving only the very smallest possible surplus to meet a serious contingency such as must be looked upon to occur every now and again even in the best regulated Institutions. This further reason ought to, and we believe will, have the effect of stimulating the Craft to such efforts as will secure the success of the approaching anniversary.

We have spoken of the School as being well-managed. This will be the more apparent if we institute a comparison between the expenditure of 1877 and 1880. In the former, as in the latter year, a large sum was disbursed in enlarging the premises; but leaving this out of the calculation, the ordinary expenditure, which we have given as £7,184 1s 9d for last year, in respect of 199 girls, or an average per girl of £36 2s, was in 1877 £5,870 13s 7d for 162 girls, giving an average per girl of £35 15s 11d. The Extraordinary expenditure was £783 12s 8d as against £1,655 12s 4d last year, so that comparing the sum of the two classes for each year, we have a total in 1877 of £6,654, and in 1880 of £9,655. The difference in the extraordinary expenditure may be explained by the outlay of over £650 on laying out grounds, tar-paving playground, building dwarf boundary wall, painting and cleaning laundry, &c. expenses which, it must be admitted, are not likely to be of

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annual recurrence. As regards the annual expenditure of the two years, the actual difference in the average cost per girl is only six shillings. Economy, with a due regard to efficiency, is clearly therefore the order of the day in the management of this School, and brethren will be all the more disposed to give freely when they know their donations and subscriptions will be turned to the best account. We have also spoken of the excellence of the School as an educational establishment, nor need we go further in any attempt to prove this assertion than to the two years we have already referred to. In 1877, five prizes were awarded to as many girls for passing the Cambridge Examination. In 1880, one girl was awarded a prize for passing the Senior Cambridge Examination, another was similarly rewarded for "passing in honours Cambridge Examination," and six others were similarly honoured for passing the examination. This is public testimony to the excellence of the education afforded, and proves that the standard of proficiency is not only maintained at what it was in 1877, but has since improved very considerably. Nor can it be denied that a School which bears such good fruit deserves the support of brethren throughout the country.

Having thus urged on the attention of our readers the reasons why we think and believe the Craft generally should exert itself, so that the second Festival of 1881 may as nearly as possible equal in its results that of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February last, let us add a few words in order to strengthen and confirm what has gone before. It must not be forgotten that Bro. Terry was so fortunate as to secure the Grand Master of the Province of West Yorkshire as Chairman for his Festival, and West Yorkshire, with its formidable array of Lodges, loyally supported their chief with a total subscription of £3,500. But Gloucestershire, albeit, as we shall see later on, it has regularly done its duty towards all our Institutions, is far from being a strong Province. It has but fourteen Lodges all told, and but two of the towns within its limits can boast of having more than one Lodge—Cheltenham and Gloucester. Yet it has figured well at the majority of the Festivals we have been privileged to chronicle. In 1876 it gave £276 14s to the Boys' School. In 1877 it is returned as having subscribed £28 7s to the Benevolent, £135 9s to the Girls' School, and £338 2s to that of our Boys: total for the year, £501 18s. In 1878 it gave, Benevolent £118, Girls £229 16s 6d, Boys £379 13s: total, £727 9s 6d. In 1879 the Benevolent received £148 12s, the Girls £312 19s, and the Boys £378 10s: total, £840 1s; while last year the Benevolent had £88 8s, the Girls £358 1s, and the Boys £234 3s, or together £680 12s. In February last it contributed to the Benevolent £263 12s. In short, since the beginning of 1875 till now, the total of its subscriptions to our three Institutions is a fraction over £3,332. This is an array of figures which speaks most eloquently for the liberality of our Gloucestershire brethren, and having regard to the aforesaid paucity of Lodges, furnishes an additional reason, if any such reason were needed, why the Metropolis and the other Provinces should come forward and lend a helping hand in the cause which Sir M. Hicks-Beach has loyally undertaken to advocate, and which the Lodges in his Province are sure to support. Let us look hopefully forward, as we feel we may safely do, under the tutelary auspices and with the powerful advocacy of the newly elected Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, to our Girls receiving what, in common parlance, is called a "bumper" Anniversary Festival on the 18th May, now approaching so rapidly.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Col. Creaton G. Treasurer (in the chair), J. M. Case, E. H. Finney, Thomas Massa, H. A. Dubois, W. Bailey, Joshua Nunn, Frank Richardson, James Patten, H. Massey, Peter de Lande Long, E. Letchworth, E. C. Mather, C. Hammerton, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary). After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of last meeting, and the reading of the minutes of the other Committees subsequently, Bros. Massa, Frank Richardson, John Case, and A. J. Duff-Filer nominated lists of brethren to serve on the House and Audit Committees of the Institution for ensuing year. There were but two petitions for the admission of candidates to the list for election. Bro. Hedges informed the Committee that Sir Michael Hicks Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. for Gloucestershire, had appointed Tuesday, the 17th May, for the Stewards' visit to the School, when he will distribute the prizes. The Committee shortly afterwards adjourned.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Annual Festival of the United Grand Lodge of England was held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, 27th inst. Grand Lodge was presided over by Bro. General J. Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. Grand Master Surrey, he being supported by Bro. Major Tudor Prov. Grand Master Staffordshire, who acted as Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. S. Rawson P.D. Grand Master China as Past Grand Master. After the customary formalities as regards the opening of Grand Lodge, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was proclaimed as Grand Master for the year, the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom being appointed as Pro G.M. and Deputy G.M. respectively. The other appointments were then proceeded with, the following being the new Grand Officers, viz. :—

The Earl of March, M.P.	Senior Grand Warden
Justice Cave	Junior Grand Warden
Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust, Dean of York Rev. Ambrose W. Hall	Grand Chaplains
Lieut.-Col. Creaton	Grand Treasurer
Æ. J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P.	Grand Registrar
Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke	Grand Secretary
E. E. Wendt	Sec. German Correspondence
Sir James Ramsden ... ... Major General H. Clerk, R.A., F.R.S.	Senior Grand Deacons
J. Sampson Peirce ... ... H. C. Levander, M.A., F.R.S. ...	Junior Grand Deacons
J. Gibson	G. Superintendent of Works
Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter) P.G.W.	Grand Director of Ceremonies
Capt. A. B. Cooke	Assistant Grand Dir. of Cer.
George Lambert	Grand Sword Bearer
C. S. Jekyll	Grand Organist
H. G. Buss	Assistant Grand Secretary
W. Clarke	Grand Pursuivant
W. R. Wood	Assistant do.
H. Sadler	Grand Tyler

Bros. T. A. Jones 259, W. W. Venn 99, Henry Lando 4, R. M. Bishop 1, S. R. Turner 2, J. H. Hay 5, L. W. Desange 6, A. Tisley 8, Eugene Montellis 14, C. Mashfield 21, A. S. Wildey 23, G. H. Brodie 26, W. Roebuck 29, F. Schofield 46, W. J. Crump 58, J. Hellerly 60, W. G. Logan 91, and E. Letchworth 197, Grand Stewards.

The Acting Grand Master announced that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had been pleased to order that in future all Grand Pursuivants should be entitled to past rank in the same way as were the other Grand Officers. Grand Lodge was then closed.

The usual banquet followed at Freemasons' Tavern, General Brownrigg presiding here also. The following were among those present—Bros. Sir E. A. Lechmere, Bart, Prov. G.M. Worcestershire, Earl of March S.G.W., Rev. Sir J. W. Hayes, Bart, P.G.C., G. W. Linenger Past G.M. Nebraska, Brackstone Baker, Ernest E. Wendt, D.C.L., Grand Secretary German Correspondence, Lieut.-Col. J. Creaton, Æneas McIntyre, Grand Registrar, Shadwell H. Clerke, Major G. S. Tudor P.G.M. Staffordshire, H D. Sandeman P.D.G.M. Bengal, S. Rawson P.D.G.M. China, Rev. Ambrose W. Hall Grand Chaplain, Rev. John Sedwich, D.D., P.G.C., Rev. R. Simpson P.G.C., C. A. Murton, Rev. P. Morrell, J. Sampson Peirce J.G.D., T. Fenn, H. C. Levander, M.A., F.R.A.S., P.G.D., C. W. C. Hutton, Robert Grey, Raynham W. Stewart, Rev. W. A. Hill P.G.C., Rev. H. A. Pickard P.G.C., Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., J. W. Case, Major-General H. Clark, R.A., F.R.S., S.G.D., Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter, P.G.W. G.D.C., R. F. Gould, Rev. Robert P. Burt P.G.C., Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G.C., H. J. P. Dumas, J. Parkinson, J. A. Rucker, Peter de Lande Long, Captain N. G. Philips, J. Mason P.G.S.B., Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B., A. J. Duff-Filer P.G.S.B., C. Greenwood P.G.S.B., G. Lambert G.S.B., J. T. Collins P.G.S.B., S. Mullens P.G.S.B., C. S. Jekyll G.O., Magnus Ohren, Captain Arthur Bott Cook Assist. G.D.C., J. L. Thomas, Lieutenant-Colonel H. S. S. Burney, Frank Richardson, John H. Scott, W. R. Wood Assist. G.P., W. Clarke G.P., W. T. Howe P.G.P., H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, T. Cubitt P.G.P. At the conclusion of the banquet the customary toasts were honoured. That of the Queen, the Chairman said, required no recommendation in an assembly of Freemasons. It was forty-three years since the gracious lady who ruled over us ascended the throne; doubtless there were some present old enough to remember her accession, but all could appreciate how thoroughly Her Majesty had endeared herself to her subjects. It was not, however, as loyal subjects alone that they honoured Her Majesty; members of the Craft could never forget that she was the daughter of a Freemason and the mother of their most distinguished Grand Master. The toast was duly honoured, and was followed by the National Anthem. The next toast was H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and the other members of the Royal Family. It happened that it had been the privilege of the noble chairman to be a great deal in Denmark. He had the honour of remembering, and he might say of knowing, Her Royal Highness from the time of her childhood. He well remembered the grief which overspread her native land when she was taken from it and transferred to England; but he ventured to say that she received a welcome from Englishmen which she had thoroughly appreciated. She had identified herself with Englishmen, and was very intimately connected with Masonry. He did not know that he had ever been in any foreign country where the solemnities of Masonry were carried out more accurately and successfully than in Denmark. They must remember it was there that our Grand Master got his first degree in Masonry, and therefore Her Royal Highness had a very friendly regard for everything connected with Masonry. He believed that she was very much touched by the message sent to her by Grand Lodge on her birthday. He hoped he might say without presumption that her two sons, the illustrious young blue jackets now serving their country, might, when they became of mature age, be enrolled in the Craft. The toast met a hearty reception, and was followed by that of the Grand Master. The chairman, in proposing it, referred to the installation of the

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Prince of Wales at the Albert Hall, remarking that he had never seen a more picturesque gathering than was there assembled. It, however, lacked one element, and that he was only too pleased to see supplied in the gallery before him, the ladies always lent a charm to any proceedings at which they were present. He thought that all who had witnessed that scene could but feel gratified at the selection then made. Although His Royal Highness was not present in Grand Lodge as often as they could wish, the brethren might rest assured that their interests were not neglected. Considering his many duties, it was impossible for him to do all he desired, but so far as he was able he attended personally to all matters appertaining to his office, while the interests of the Craft were never lost sight of by him. The Chairman next proposed the Grand Lodges of Scotland, Ireland, and Foreign Grand Lodges, the latter to include the United States of America. Bro. Maxwell Close was the first to respond. He desired to thank the brethren for drinking success to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and assured them that he deemed it a great compliment to be called upon to respond to the toast. Having the honour to represent the Grand Lodge of England in the Grand Lodge of Ireland, he knew how cordial and happy were the relations between the two bodies. Nature had done much to sever the two countries, but he believed that the Craft had been unceasing in its efforts to unite the two countries in the bonds of fraternal affection. Bro. Linenger, Past Grand Master Nebraska, followed. It afforded him great pleasure to make a public declaration of the manner in which he had been entertained in England. As representing one of the youngest Grand Lodges of the West, the membership of which, however, was now about 125,000, he was glad to say that Freemasonry in the far West was in a very prosperous condition indeed. He was extremely pleased at the hearty reception he had met with in this country, and assured the brethren that should they ever have an opportunity of visiting his district, the same hand of good fellowship would be extended to them. In proposing the health of the Pro Grand Master, and the Deputy G. Master, the Chairman referred to apologies each had sent for their non-attendance. All must regret their not being present. He doubted if they were to search the United Kingdom from one end to the other if they would find two brethren better fitted to fill the offices they occupied. In giving the health of the Grand Wardens and the other Grand Officers Present and Past, Gen. Brownrigg referred to the difficulty the Grand Master must experience in making selections of Grand Officers; but he thought the appointments made generally gave satisfaction. On the present occasion he though the Craft was singularly fortunate. The Right Hon. the Earl of March replied. He should make every effort to secure the approbation of Grand Lodge. It struck him at the appointment of the Grand Officers that while some, like himself, were new to office, others were re-appointed—not for the first time. The hearty applause which greeted the latter gave assurance of the approval with which the brethren regarded their past services, and their confidence in the future endeavours of the G. Officers. Bro. D. Sandeman proposed the health of the Chairman. The toast was one for which he had been safely selected because it was one which required no verbiage and no eloquence. There were many brethren in the hall who like himself (and he was proud of the distinction) had for many years been intimately acquainted with the Right Worshipful Chairman in Freemasonry; but he knew that all present, whether intimately acquainted with him or not, were well acquainted with his name, which was a household word in the Craft; it was one which belonged to one who had for many years taken great interest and an active part in the ceremonies, taken also a leading part in the Charities, and done everything which could make him dear to them. The chairman tendered his cordial thanks for the toast and for the patience with which the brethren had listened to what he had had to say. Although he had many friends in the room, he attributed their kind attention to the fraternal regard they had for him as a brother and an old soldier. The health of the Provincial Grand Master followed, the chairman regretting that so few of the members were present. The Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire, being the only representative besides himself, Bro. Major Tudor briefly replied. As yet he had had but little to do with the work of his Provincial Grand Mastership, but for a good many years he had been acquainted with the Provinces, and he could safely say that Provincial Grand Masters always desire to do all they can to further the interests of Freemasonry and to cary out its principles. The toast of the Charities followed, Bros. Hedges, Binckes, and Terry, each replying. The chairman considered there could be no better evidence of the interest taken in the Charities than the increased subscriptions which were heard of at the festivals. Year by year they increased, and he hoped year by year they would continue to increase. There had been a good deal of correspondence on the subject, but after all he thought among sensible, straight-thinking men it was always better—though he was open to conviction—to go and see the Institutions for themselves. Very few he thought could see the correspondence without being sure that to a very great extent there was a good deal to be said about it; but for all that, there was the broad fact that we supported an immense number of orphan children and decayed Masons and their widows. The very basis of Freemasonry was charity and brotherly love, and he hoped the day would never come when the Masonic Charities would cease to be what they were now. The health of the Stewards was duly proposed, and acknowledged by Bro. Rudolph G. Glover. This concluded the proceedings in the banquet hall, and the brethren adjourned to the Temple, where the customary concert was given, under the the direction of Bro. C. S. Jekyll, G. Organist.

MARRIAGE.

OCKENDEN—HAMMOND.—On the 28th inst., at the Parish Church, Hampton, Middlesex, by the Rev. J. Sawyer, B.A., assisted by the Rev. James Burrow, M.A., Vicar, Bro. THOMAS WILLIAM OCKENDEN, W.M. 1512, son of the late Bro. Thomas Ockenden, P.M. Forth Lodge, Turks Island, W.I., to MARY JANE, eldest daughter of Bro. WILLIAM HAMMOND, P.M. 201, 1512, &c., P.P.G.D. Middlesex. No Cards.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., on Wednesday, the 4th of May, at six o'clock in the evening *punctually*.

Business:—The Regulations for the Government of the Supreme Grand Chapter during the time of public business to be read.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

Installation of Principals, and appointment and investiture of Officers for the ensuing year.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to announce that they have examined the Accounts from the 19th July to the 20th April 1881, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter	1041	7	9	Disbursements during the Quarter	203	18	10
„ Unappropriated Account - -	180	16	1	Balance - -	1189	2	2
Subsequent Receipts -	386	16	3	„ in Unappropriated Account	215	19	1
	£1609	0	1		£1609	0	1

which Balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Commitee have likewise to report that they have received the followiug petitions:—

1st. From Companions James R. Pither as Z., James Judge as H., Stanley Enoch Shipman as J., and seven other for a Chapter to be attached to the Excelsior Lodge, No. 1722, Dugshai, to be called "The Marmaduke Ramsay Chapter," and to meet at Dugshai, Punjab, in the East Indies.

2nd. From Companions John Watson as Z., Arthur Stubbs as H., William Newton as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 402, Nottingham, to be called "The Royal Sussex Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Nottingham.

3rd. From Companions The Right Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore as Z., William Wither Bramston Beach, M.P., as H., The Right Hon. The Earl of Onslow as J., and twelve others for a Chapter to be attached to the United Lodge, No. 1629, London, to be called "The United Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, London.

4th. From Companions William Frederick Towle as Z., William Henry Hopkins as H., Henry Lewis Rocca as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Blair Lodge, No. 815, Manchester, to be called "The Blair Chapter," and to meet at the Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester.

5th. From Companions Matthew Vowles as Z., Charles George Wragg as H., Charles Reckit Truman as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Commercial Lodge, No. 411, Nottingham, to be called "The Commercial Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Nottingham.

6th. From Companions Maurice Hart as Z., Sigismund Schönstadt as H., Henry Ashur Tobias as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, Liverpool, to be called "The Chapter of Israel," and to meet at the Masonic Hall Hope-street, Liverpool.

7th. From Companions John Bagot Scriven as Z., James Knight as H., William Lambert Manley as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Anchor Lodge, No. 1701, London, to be called "The Cable Chapter," and to meet at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, in the City of London.

8th. From Companions Richard Thomas Hill as Z., Francis Lawrence Goode as H., Herbert W. Ruff as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Eastern Star Lodge, No. 95, to be called "The Eastern Star Chapter," and to meet at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, in the City of London.

9th. From Companions George Thomas Brown as Z., William Chicken as H., Charles Daniel as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, London, to be called "The Prosperity Chapter," and to meet at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, in the City of London.

10th. From Companions Anthony Maitland Bell as Z., William Charles Arthur Roettger as H., William John Corrales as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Excelsior Lodge, No. 617, Buenos Ayres, to be called "The Maesfield Chapter," and to meet in the city of Buenos Ayres.

These petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

(*Signed*) JOHN CREATON, *G. Treasurer, President.*

JAMAICA.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons.—The Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Kingston, on the 7th inst., and was presided over by the Right Worshipful J. W. Whitbourne D.P.G.M.M., who made the following appointments for the ensuing year:—R.W. G. J. Sargeant P.G.M. S.W., R.W. B. Stines jun. P.G.M. J.W., V.W. O. Delgado P.G.M. M.O., V.W. J. L. Ashenheim P.G.M. S.O., Wor. O. Delgado jun. P.G.M. J.O., and Wor. P.G.M.'s T. N. Aguilar Treasurer, G. A. Campbell Registrar of Marks, E. X. Leon Secretary, D. Barned S.D., G. R. Taylor J.D., Dr. T. Allen Inspector of Works, A. H. Jones D. of Ceremonies, L. C. Hollar Sword Bearer, O. P. Myers Standard Bearer, J. M. Simpson and P. Alberga Stewards, and G. Magnus Tyler.

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REVIEWS.

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The Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, Pennsylvania. Its early History and Constitutions from A.L. 5730, A.D. 1730, its Minutes and Proceedings. List of Lodges from earliest date to December 27, 1880. Part III. Compiled and published by the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia: Sherman and Co. Printers, 1880.

THE period of time over which the Minutes contained in the Part before us extend is five years and a half, namely, from the Quarterly Communication in June 1799 to that in December 1804, the R.W. Bro. Jonathan Bayard Smith being Grand Master for the earlier portion, and R.W. Bro. Israal Israel during the latter. The earliest minute contains extracts from the Report of the Charity Committee announcing, in the first place, that the said Committee had received on behalf of Grand Lodge five perpetual shares in the Philadelphia Dispensary in return for a donation of fifty guineas to the funds of that Institution; and in the next, that when the G. Master and Dep. G. Master had called on Mrs. Dean, widow of a Bro. Dean, to present to her the sum of twenty-five dollars which had been voted her out of the funds of Grand Lodge, the lady, while expressing her grateful sense of the kindness evinced towards her, declined to accept the grant on the ground that she was in better circumstances, and "that she had no doubt but the brethren had many objects which stood in greater need of it than she did." Such an act of honourable self-denial as this deserves to have been recorded. Two other matters of interest are noted: one, that Bro. S. Benge had presented G. Lodge with two purple sashes for the G. and Dep. G. Masters respectively, together with "an apron of white satin for the R.W.G.M., seven leather aprons for the R.W.D.G.M., S.W., J.W., Secretary, Treasurer, S.D., and J.D., all the aprons trimmed with broad purple ribbon and gold lace, and hangings of broad purple trimmed with gold lace for the jewels of the above-mentioned eight officers." For this handsome gift a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the donor. The other matter concerned Grand Lodge premises, the room where it had previously been held being no longer available. Consequently a Committee was appointed to prepare a scheme whereby a Hall should be erected. On St. John's Day, 24th June, this Committee presented a Report, in which they recommended a scheme for the formation of a "Pennsylvania Freemasons' Hall Association" with a view to "raising by subscription and chances the sum of six thousand dollars for the purpose of procuring by purchase, or otherwise erecting a building to be denominated a Freemasons' Lodge." The plan, full particulars of which are furnished, was read a first time, and after two failures to secure the requisite attendance of members, a second time at an extra Communication on the 11th July, the further consideration of its details being postponed. The regular September Quarterly Communication was not held owing to an epidemic of yellow fever in the city, and the consequent removal into the country of a considerable number of the inhabitants, but at a special meeting on the 13th November, the Committee for finding temporary quarters reported, that in compliance with the request of such Committee, His Excellency T. Mifflin, Governor of the State, had granted to Grand Lodge the Secretaries' Chamber in the State House till such time as its use for state purposes might be required. The thanks of Grand Lodge were voted to His Excellency, and steps were ordered to be taken so as to have the Chamber furnished and made ready for the reception of Grand Lodge. At the December meeting communications were read from the Grand Lodges of Upper Canada, Lower Canada, and North Carolina. These show that in Upper Canada there were fourteen Lodges, and in Lower Canada sixteen Lodges; Brother W. Jarvis being G. Master of the former, and H.R.H. Prince Edward, afterwards Duke of Kent, G. Master of the latter. Bro. J. B. Smith was then re-elected G. Master, Bro. Israel Dep. G. Master, and other brethren G. Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary, the last entry in the minutes of these meetings being the very singular notification that certain brethren had been excluded from Lodge No. 80, one for a period of "80 years," and two others for "40 years." So quaint a notice would seem to suggest that the inhabitants of Pennsylvania, or at all events the members of this particular Lodge, must have been remarkable for their longevity.

The minutes of the next two meetings, held on the 26th and 27th December, describe the measures taken by the brethren of Pennsylvania to pay honour to the memory of the illustrious Washington who had departed this life a short time before. That held on the former of the above was an extra Communication, summoned for the purpose of enabling Grand Lodge to comply with the invitation of the State Congress to take part in the funeral obsequies, vulgarly known as "Washington's sham funeral," which had been ordered by the State. But for all the unreality of the proceedings there can be no question as to the reality of the sorrow that was felt by all classes of the community, and especially by the Freemasons who had lost in G. Washington not only a beloved fellow-citizen and revered leader, but also the most distinguished member of the Masonic Craft in the United States. Were evidence of the truth of this statement necessary, we have but to refer to the address delivered in Grand Lodge on the solemn occasion by the R.W. Grand Master, in which, after noticing the deceased General's connection with the Craft, Bro. Smith went on to say:—

"The Old as well as the New World revere this name: he was indeed an illustrious Brother, Citizen, and Chief, in peace and in war, in council and action pre-eminent. The Masons of Pennsylvania have exulted *that the name of Washington stood enrolled on their list of Brethren*, and they will cherish the remembrance of his virtues and services as a rich legacy for their emulous example. If devotion of time and talents to ameliorate the state of man be a virtue; if obeying the calls of his country in times of the greatest difficulty and danger at every risk be a Masonic duty, of that virtue may Masonry boast that this *our* Washington has exhibited an instance beyond former example brilliant; and for the exercise of this duty will *our* Washington ever stand conspicuous in the foremost ranks. Are a love of order and sacred regard to the laws of the social compact characteristic of Masons? For his exemplary adherence to these Masonic virtues through all the vicissitudes and variegated difficulties of a Revolutionary War, has *our* Washington received the plaudits of thirteen Sovereign States."

At the latter of the two meetings the Grand Master and other principal Grand Officers were installed, and the subordinate Grand Officers appointed and invested, and this important duty having been fulfilled, resolutions were passed to the effect that the Grand Lodge-room should be put in mourning, and the members of Grand Lodge should wear black crape on the left arm and over the emblems on their aprons for six months. We may add here, before dismissing these references to General Washington, that a special communication was held on the 3rd February 1800, when it was resolved that a Masonic procession should be held on the 22nd of that month—that being the day recommended by the President and Congress of the United States to be set apart as a day of public mourning for the deceased General. Particulars of the procession are given under a later date.

But though Grand Lodge was thus mournfully engaged in adding its tribute of respect to that paid by the whole of the United States to the memory of their late chief, they were not unmindful of the ordinary business of the day. In the minutes of the 27th December mention is made of the near likelihood that the "modern" G. Lodge of South Carolina, the only one at the time in the States that was held under a foreign jurisdiction would be amalgamated with the "ancient" Grand Lodge of that State, and that, too, without any departure from, or infringement of, ancient landmarks on the part of the latter; and a hearty wish is expressed that the union of the two may be speedily accomplished. Reference is also made to certain resolutions transmitted by the said ancient Grand Lodge of South Carolina, advocating yet again the establishment of a superintending G. Lodge for the whole of the States, and inviting the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to join in the preparation of plans to that end. In a note it is added that in the year 1799, Grand Lodge and the Lodges in Philadelphia, with the exception of two which had made no returns, had expended in charity over 1492 dollars, nearly one half of which was thus disbursed by the French Lodge, "L'Amenitie," No. 73. In the minutes of the 3rd February 1800, is an entry to the effect that a certain brother had ascertained that "the African Lodge, held in or near this city, was visited by members of some of our Lodges," and a committee of inquiry was appointed, to obtain further particulars and report.

In the minutes of the 3rd March, a question affecting the status of Past Masters who had obtained that degree under a foreign jurisdiction and had become members of Lodges in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania since the adoption of its then existing rules and regulations, was submitted. A long discussion ensued, and in the end the Deputy Grand Master, acting as Grand Master, was requested to give his decision, which he did to the following effect: "That, agreeably to the first article of the said Rules and Regulations, all Past Masters who at the time of adopting the said regulations were actually members of Lodges under this jurisdiction were members of G. Lodge; but that since the adoption of those Rules and Regulations no P.M., however or wherever made, who was not a P.M., and also a regular member of some Lodge under this jurisdiction at that time, is a member of this G. Lodge unless he shall have served a regular time as Master of a Lodge under said jurisdiction." Nearly the whole of the rest of the minutes of this meeting relates to the proposal made by South Carolina to establish a Superintending or Supreme Grand Lodge for the whole of the United States. We may content ourselves, however, with noting that the idea was not favourably received by Pennsylvania, and that as a well-known fact nothing ever came of this or any other proposal of a similar character.

Among the records of an Extra Communication, held on 21st April, is a resolution condemnatory of an apparently common practice at the time of lending the jewels and aprons of Lodges for theatrical purposes. The resolution reads thus: "That this R.W.G.L. disapprove of the conduct of the aforesaid Masters, inasmuch as the use to which these emblems of our Order are applied is degrading to the dignity of the Craft, and has a manifest tendency to render it trifling and ridiculous in the eyes of the public and all sensible Masons, and that any such application of these ornaments be considered as meeting the severe disapprobation of this body." At the meeting of the 24th June was read a letter received from the Lodge St. John, Les Frères Unis, No. 77, Port D'Espagne, Trinidad, holding under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, stating that it had given Bro. Delaunay, who had been deputed some time previously to visit the Lodge, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, one part in payment of its dues to G. Lodge, and the other part as a "voluntary contribution to assist in the purchase or building of a place suitable for the meetings of the R.W.G. Lodge." Thanks were voted for this gift, and the sum of one hundred dollars was ordered to be invested in some public stock in the name of Grand Lodge, and in due course to be applied to the purpose for which it was given.

At the September meeting a statement of accounts for the period from 27th December 1797 to 29th June 1800 was submitted by the Accounts' Committee, from which it appears that the receipts were 925.59 dollars, and the expenditure 406.6½ dollars, leaving a balance of 518.97½ dollars. A further statement for the period from 28th December 1798 to 5th July 1800 was also submitted, to the effect that the Committee of Accounts, hearing that Bro. McElwee Grand Treasurer was about leaving for Europe, had called upon him to settle his accounts. Bro. McElwee accordingly attended the Committee, and some progress in the matter was made. He had, however, in spite of an assurance that he was not at once about to leave, sailed for Europe before another meeting, as appointed, could be

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held. Bros. Orr and Cannon, who had charge of the Grand Treasurer's papers, had obligingly permitted the Committee to examine them, and the result was that the Committee were of opinion Bro. McElwee was indebted to Grand Lodge in the sum of £211 6s 7d. A motion for the election of another brother as Grand Treasurer was postponed till the next meeting, and Bro Gavin Hamilton was then elected, and installed in that office. At the September meeting a letter of sympathy from the Grand Lodge of Ireland was read in reference to the loss sustained by the United States through the death of Washington. This letter contained a list of the Grand Officers, headed by Lord Viscount Doneughmore Most Worshipful Grand Master, and was accompanied by a letter announcing that an Orphan School had been established, under the patronage of their Grand Lodge, which had voted £200 towards its support. Communications were also read from the Grand Lodges of Lower Canada, Connecticut, Maryland, Georgia, Virginia, and North Carolina. We learn also that at this time in North Carolina there were forty Lodges, in New York fifty-four Lodges, in Connecticut thirty-seven Lodges, and in South Carolina forty-four Lodges. The election of principal Grand Officers then took place, Bros. Smith and Israel being re-elected Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master respectively. At an adjourned meeting on the 15th December a motion for remunerating the Grand Secretary for his services during the past four years with the sum of three hundred dollars, and that in future he be paid at the rate of one hundred dollars per annum was ordered to stand over. It was then resolved that one-third of the Grand Lodge moneys should be considered as constituting the Charity Fund, and the other two-thirds the General Fund, Grand Treasurer having authority to invest the latter in some productive fund for the benefit of the Lodge. On St. John's Day the installation of the principal and the appointment of the subordinate Grand Officers was carried out with the usual formalities, and the motion with reference to the remuneration of the Grand Secretary was adopted, with the substitution of 120 dollars for 100 dollars as his future annual salary.

At the adjourned Quarterly Communication on the 16th March 1801 a resolution of Grand Royal Arch Chapter was submitted, and approved by G. Lodge. It was to the effect that no candidate should be exalted in any Chapter held under the warrant of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter thereof, unless his petition for exaltation was accompanied by a certificate from the Worshipful Master and Officers of his Lodge that the petitioner was a regular Past Master, having served the office of Master of such Lodge, or having passed the chair by dispensation from the Grand Master. Sojourners, not residents in the State of Pennsylvania, to be admitted as before. There was also presented a Report of the proceedings of a special Grand Chapter, held on 21st February, relating to certain matters connected with Chapter No. 52, in which certain brethren had been exalted who were not regular Past Masters. The error, however, was set right, and a motion based on the report was passed to the effect, that for a brother to pass the chair of any Lodge he must either have been duly elected Worshipful Master of a Lodge, or have received a dispensation for the purpose from the Grand Master. Mention is made likewise of a Bye-Law of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, that no Warrant should be granted until the W. Master designate had been examined as to his knowledge by Grand Lodge or a Committee thereof, and that the Wardens designate must also previously be examined by the Officers of some neighbouring Lodge as to their Masonic proficiency. It was further laid down in the Bye-Laws of the same Grand Lodge that a penalty of eight dollars was imposed on every Lodge absent from a Quarterly Communication, and one of five dollars on one omitting to make its return to Grand Lodge at the proper time.

At Extra Communications on 4th and 18th May respectively, the prayers of three petitions for establishing Lodges—in two instances, in the Island of San Domingo, and in the third, at New Orleans, were granted. On 15th June application was made by Bro. David Putnam, Secretary of American Union Lodge, No. 1, held at Marietta, requesting that, as the house in which the said Lodge had been accustomed to meet had been destroyed by fire, and the furniture, working tools, jewels, and charter burnt, a new Warrant should be granted; but as the request was not made in due form, Grand Secretary was instructed to write to that effect, and enclose copy of the rules and regulations of Grand Lodge, so that the petition might be renewed in the manner prescribed therein, when there would be no hesitation in complying with it. In answer to a memorial praying for an inquiry into certain irregularities in the election of Officers in Lodge No. 59, a Committee was appointed to make the requisite inquiries. A third prayer, of a curious kind, was submitted and granted. A brother, "Henry Snider, otherwise known and called Henry Sharpe, had found out that he had been deceived by the woman who had brought him up, whom he had always conceived to be his mother, and who had always kept from him his real name; that he had now found his name to be Snider, which he had adopted, and hence he had petitioned his Lodge for having his true name of Snider substituted, and this had been done. At the instance of his Lodge, however, he besought Grand Lodge to endorse its action, and Grand Lodge acceded to the proposal. On the 23rd June, after an application from a member of No. 2 Lodge for such materials to be furnished to him as would enable him to publish a half yearly Masonic Calendar for the jurisdiction had been ordered to lie on the table, notification was made that a letter from the Secretary of Lodge No. 7, Jamaica, had been received, in which the writer cautioned the brethren against certain Masonic impostors whom he both named and described. The Committee of Inquiry into the alleged irregularities connected with the election of the Officers of Lodge No. 59 reported as to their having undoubtedly taken place, and it was ordered that the Lodge be directed to instal the Officers elect the following evening.

At the meeting on St. John the Baptist's Day, 24th June, it was mentioned that Lodge No. 73 had resolved on holding but one election annually—on St. John the Evangelist's Day. At the same meeting the Committee appointed to arrange for the purchase or erection of suitable premises for G. Lodge reported that "a new and unfinished tenement and plot of ground in Arch-street, near to the south-west corner of Ninth and Arch-street," is for sale for 3250 dollars. Resolutions were accordingly passed that it should be purchased, and that a deed of conveyance should be made to the G. Master, Deputy G. Master, Grand Wardens, G. Secretary, and G. Treasurer as joint tenants in fee simple, and that they should execute a declaration of trust to G. Lodge.

[To be continued.]

YARBOROUGH MASONIC ASSOCIATION.

THIS Association, in connection with the Yarborough Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, held its monthly meeting at Bro. A. Walter's, Green Dragon, Stepney, E. Bros. T. J. Barnes P.M. President, J. J. Berry P.M. Vice President, J. G. Stevens P.M. Hon. Sec. There were also present—Bros. E. W. Walter W.M. 554, J. Taylor, W. Cross, J. R. Shingfield, A. Walter, S. Poynter, &c. After the usual routine business, the ballot was proceeded with for Life Governorships; these resulted in favour of Bros. A. Packer and J. R. Shingfield. Bros. Walter and Shingfield were elected to conduct the annual audit, and the question of the Anniversary meeting having been discussed, it was fixed to take place on the 24th of May. From the remarks which fell from Bro. J. G. Stevens, it was gathered that during the existence of the Association, no less than forty-nine Life Governorships had been created. Of this number eighteen have been apportioned to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons, seventeen to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and fourteen to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The total amounts contributed, exclusive of the two ballots just taken, were £502 5s. The officers of the Yarborough Masonic Charitable Association are to be congratulated upon the success which has attended their exertions to aid and sustain our Masonic Institutions.

COLLINS' MUSIC HALL.

BRO. HERBERT SPRAKE, the General Manager of this Hall, took his annual benefit on Thursday evening, in presence of an audience that was crowded to overflowing. In fact, the Hall, which is none of the largest, might have been filled half-a-dozen times over with the friends of the beneficiary, who were bent on paying him a well-deserved compliment on so important an occasion. One of the most liberal programmes we have seen was provided, and among those who tendered their services were a majority of the ablest and best known music hall artists of the day. Under the head of "comic" was ranged the names of the Great MacDermott, the Great Vance, T. W. Barrett, Herbert Campbell, Sidney Franks, Victor Liston. Among the serio-comics were Jenny Hill, Ethel Victor, Nellie Farrell, Ida Morris, and Amy Francis. The "Specialities" included Mab Chambers, the Wonderful Banjoist and Laughing Artiste; Pattie Haywood, Burlesque Actress; Chirgwin, the White-eyed Kaffir; Vento, Ventriloquist; and J. Maccann, Concertina Soloist. There were in addition Duettists and Trios, and Negro Artists, the whole of the arrangements being under the charge of Mr. Stephen Medcalf, of the Manor House, Green Lanes, who was assisted in his arduous duties by Messrs. Walter Laburnum and Fred. Williams, while the stage was under the able direction of Mr. W. Palmer. Everything passed off most satisfactorily, and as Collins's Music Hall is known to be one of the best managed in the metropolis, it goes without saying that all who were fortunate enough to be present enjoyed themselves most thoroughly.

The M.W. G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has been pleased to grant a Warrant for a new Lodge to be called the Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, to be held at the Inns of CourtHotel, Lincoln's-inn-fields. The R.W. P.G.M. for Dorsetshire and P.G.D., Bro. Montague I. Guest, M.P., being one of the Founders. Bro. W. H. Dean P.M. 417 and P.P.G.S.B. Dorset is the W.M. designate.

We have very great pleasure in announcing that on Monday evening, at the Greyhound, Richmond, of which Bro. Moufiet is host, the opportunity was taken of recognising the valuable services which Bro. Phillips, P.M. of the Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975, has rendered for some considerable time past to the Lily of Richmond Lodge of Instruction, No. 820, as its Preceptor, or, to phrase it more complimentarily, as its "guide, philosopher, and friend." On the occasion in question, and in the presence of a numerous gathering of the brethren, Bro. Phillips was made the recipient of a testimonial, which the W. Master for the evening presented after a brief but eulogistic speech, and which Bro. Phillips acknowledged very warmly.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS will be found the best friend to persons afflicted with ulcerations, bad legs, sores, abscesses, fistulas and other painful and complicated complaints. Printed and very plain directions for the application of the Ointment are wrapped round each pot. Holloway's alterative Pills should be taken throughout the progress of the cure, to maintain the blood in a state of perfect purity, and to prevent the health of the whole body being jeopardised by the local ailments; bad legs, old age's great grievances, are thus readily cured, without confining the patient to bed, or withdrawing from him the nutritious diet and generous support so imperatively demanded, when weakening diseases attack advanced years, or constitutions evincing premature decrepitude.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ST. JOHN OF WAPPING LODGE, No. 1306.

THE installation meeting of this thriving Lodge was held at the Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., on Wednesday evening, the 13th inst., when the following brethren and visitors assembled:—Bros. C. Veal W.M., J. Magrath S.W., T. Wooding J.W., H. T. Hardy Secretary, Beck P.M. Treasurer, J. Horseley S.D., T. J. Tyer J.D., J. Contare D.C., J. G. Twinn I.G. pro tem., T. J. Tarling W.S., A. G. Clements and G. T. Holdom Stewards. P.M.'s Brothers Dawson and Hayward; also Bros. J. Loftus, C. Rayner, J. S. Phillips, J. Carrociero, C. Whybrow, H. Parsons, C. East, T. J. Barnes junior, J. McDougall, F. Crawley, Wm. McCreddie, O. N. Stranger, T. B. Ryton, W. L. Hodgson, J. M. Stevens, J. Sommers, E. Blaney, Visitors—Bros. J. McClelland, H. Harbard, B. Stewart, Hammond, S. S. P. Blight, C. Stephenson, Sherwin, C. Allen, R. Green, W. S. Bassett, G. J. King, John Shephord, John How. The Lodge was opened at four o'clock, according to the usages of the Craft, and the minutes of last Lodge meeting, with the report of the Audit Committee read and confirmed. A ballot having proved successful in favour of Mr. O. N. Stranger, he was duly initiated into the Order. Bro. Veal W.M. then proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. Magrath S.W. into the chair of K.S., the working of this ceremony was performed in a masterly manner; it might perhaps be equalled, but not excelled. After the customary salutations, the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. T. Wooding S.W., Horseley J.W., Beck P.M. Treasurer, A. G. Clements Secretary, T. J. Tyer S.D., Contare J.D., G. T. Holdom I.G., Rev. M. C. Brown Chaplain, Twinn D.C., Sommers W.S., J. Loftus and Rayner Stewards, Longstaff Tyler. The W.M. on rising said he had now a very pleasing duty to perform, and that was, in the name of the Lodge, to present Bro. Veal, the retiring W.M. with a Past Master's jewel; he was confident that it would be highly appreciated; the brethren all considered the jewel well earned, as the duties of his office for the year had been carried out with the greatest excellence; in conclusion he hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would permit him to wear it for many years to come, so that it might be looked upon by his children with the highest value and estimation. A brief acknowledgment was here given by the Immediate Paast Master, who had no desire to detain the brethren as he supposed they would expect to hear his voice later in the evening. Votes of thanks—firstly, to Bro. Veal, for the very efficient manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the Lodge; secondly, to Bro. P.M. Dawson, for the able manner he had acted as D.C.; thirdly, to the Audit Committee; fourthly, to Bro. H. T. Hardy, for his attention to the duties of Secretary; and two proposals for initiates brought the business of the Lodge to a close. A sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by the proprietors (Kingston and Fromm), followed. The artistic arrangements and general view of the tables was most enticing, and this was further well supported by the abundance of good things that followed. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, all of which were duly honoured. The I.P.M. said he now rose with great pleasure to propose the toast of the W.M. All present well knew his capabilities and willingness. He had filled creditably the offices prior to that he now held, and he believed this was a unanimous opinion of all the brethren. He had been associated with him for some considerable time, and he trusted that his year of office would be a successful one in every respect. The W.M., replying, thanked Brother Veal for the kind expressions he had made respecting himself. He was ready and willing to work if it came before him. He sincerely hoped to make good progress, and he thought this might be expected when he saw such good feeling around him. He had every faith in being well supported by his Officers. In proposing the health of the I.P.M. he could not speak too highly of what Bro. Veal had done for the Lodge. His successful efforts were already known to all the brethren. The expense and trouble that Bro. Veal had put himself to in various ways for the welfare of the Lodge commanded their gratitude. He would ask them to be upstanding and give a hearty Wapping fire to their esteemed Bro. Veal, which it is needless to say was well responded to. Bro. Veal, in reply, said when he first filled the chair he thought it an easy task; he, nevertheless, was amply rewarded for all that he had done when he saw it so well acknowledged. He heartily thanked them for the handsome present they had thought proper to give him, and should feel proud to wear it as long as he lived. Notwithstanding that he had left the chair he should always be pleased to be brought into action whenever he was required. He hoped to be amongst them for some time to come, and see the present Officers advance and attain the prominent position that Bro. Magrath now held. The toast of the Initiate was next given and suitably replied to. The next toast from the chair was that of the Visitors, all of whom severally responded, in terms praising all they had seen and heard. The E.A.'s song, with others, added much to the enjoyment of the brethren, thus a really pleasant evening was spent. The Officers' toast was next in order, and that of the Tyler brought the meeting to an end.

FRIARS LODGE, No. 1349.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at Bros. Kingston and Fromm's, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C. Bro. H. R. Hallam W.M. was supported by Bros. R. Durell S.W. (W.M. elect), A. Peterken J.W., H. L. Godolphin S.D., Past Masters W. Musto Treasurer, W. Hogg Secretary, T. Foxall, J. Shepherd, J. Wright, &c. Among the visitors were Bros. L. Isaacs 1614, C. Veal, A. Calver 933, T. J. Barnes P.M. 554, W. H. Myers P.M. 820, R. Dryden, T. Loane W.S. 1421, &c. Lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of previous regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Richard Durell was then presented to the W.M. for the benefit of installation, and having taken the necessary obligations, was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The brethren saluted their new ruler in due form, and the investiture of Officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, the W.M. appointing them as follows:—Bros. A. Peterken S.W., H. L. Godolphin J.W., Spencer S.D., J. Togwell J.D., E. J. Friedeberg I.G., J. Howcraft D.C., W. Musto P.M. Treasurer and Wine Steward, W. Hogg P.M. Secretary. The Installing Master, Bro. Hallam, then gave a fine rendering of the three charges, and concluded his arduous duties amid the applause of all present. The ballot was taken for the admission of Messrs. Thomas Christmas and Thomas Eastman; proving favourable, those gentlemen were admitted into the secrets and mysteries. The report of the Audit Committee was presented, and unanimously adopted. Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, served in capital style by the caterers, Bros. Fromm and Kingston. On the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts were given, that of the Queen and the Craft being heartily received; Bro. Friedeberg sang a verse of the National Anthem. The health of the Prince of Wales was next honoured, followed by a verse of "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The W.M. then gave the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers past and present, which was responded to by Bro. J. Wright P.G.P. Bro. Hallam, having taken up the gavel, expressed the pleasure he felt in proposing, for the first time, the health of the W.M. With this all present would be in accord, and he was sure all would join in it. Bro. Durell was a W.M. the brethren might be proud of; they all felt assured that, if his health permitted him to attend every meeting, he would give satisfaction by his working. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Hallam and the brethren for the kind and cordial manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. He was very much indebted to them, and trusted that, as Bro. Hallam had wished, he would be able, with the help of the G.A.O.T.U., to attend every meeting, and discharge his duties to the satisfaction of all. The Past Masters were next honoured, the W.M. saying that all the brethren liked to be Past Masters, and work up in that direction, but their true value could only be felt by a new occupant of the chair. Bro. Hallam responded; he was gratified at the warm and hearty manner in which the toast had been received. He might be pardoned for saying a few words about himself. During the past year, as W.M., he had experienced many anxious moments, and had received great assistance from the Past Masters, the Wardens, and, above all, the members of the Lodge. On behalf of himself and fellow P.M.'s, he tendered his sincere thanks. The toast of the Visitors was next given, and duly responded to. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was then proposed, and heartily received. Bro. Musto replied, on behalf of Bro. Hogg and himself. He had had the honour of introducing the W.M. into Freemasonry, and teaching him some portion of his Masonic knowledge. Bro. Durell proved himself an apt pupil. It at all times afforded him (Bro. Musto) considerable pleasure to see those whom he had introduced into the Order, or imparted Masonic instruction to, arrive at the chair of K.S. For himself, he would be always willing to perform any duty or hold any office in the Lodge whereby he might advance its interests. Speaking as Treasurer, he said that whilst they found him the money for the bills the W.M. ordered, if not extravagant, he would pay them, but their Treasurer could not become their banker. He also trusted the Benevolent Fund (recently started) would not trench upon the comforts of the brethren, as he maintained that, whilst they were enjoying the fourth degree, we felt most for the wants of others. The Initiates was then given, the W.M. remarking that without the introduction of new blood the Order would gradually decline. He asked them to give a hearty reception to the newly made brethren. In response, Bro. Eastman said he scarcely knew at present what to say, but he promised them that, with God's help, he would strive to become a worthy Mason. This sentiment—endorsed by Bro. Christmas, the other initiate—was very favourably received. The health of the Officers was then given, and duly responded to. The Tyler's toast concluded a very enjoyable evening's proceedings. Bro. Godolphin, in his songs—"The Village Blacksmith" and Monarch of the Woods"—was most effective, and Bro. C. Eschwege also gave much pleasure by his rendering of "The Vagabond," and a recitation from "The Lady of Lyons." Several other brethren contributed to the general harmony, and a word of praise is due to Bro. Shelford 765 for his able accompaniment, and the very enlivening morceaux played during the post prandial proceedings.

RAVENSBOURNE LODGE, No. 1601.

THE annual installation meeting in connection with this young and popular Lodge, whose headquarters are at the Offices of the Lewisham District Board of Works, at Catford, took place under the most agreeable auspices on Friday evening last. Lodge was opened at five o'clock, in accordance with ancient formalities, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Francis Burdett, who was supported by W. Bro. Magnus Ohren Assist. G.D. of C. England (W.M. elect) S.W., Bros. W. George Lemon P.M. 165 Treasurer acting as J.W., Charles W. Thompson P.M. Hon. Sec., Edwin Howard P.M. 181 S.D., Robert Langford Sindall W.M. 1293 J.D., Alexander Gordon Hennell D.C., John Carline I.G., Nelson Reed P.M. and W.M. 1572, Joseph Clever, G. W. Murnane, B. Horton, E. Harlook, H. W. Jackson, H. E. Joyce, John P. Ingoldby, Richard Worf, J. Clarricoats, Alfred Thompson and Alfred F. Layton. Visitors—Bros. Charles Greenword G.S.B., John Sampson Peirce P.M. 2, J. J. Avory P.M. 70, George Lewis J.D. 1671, C. M. Ohren J.D. 452, Percy Crampton 1572, C. J. Sturge 1572, Edward A. Basley 1586 and Edward Wharton 1706. The minutes of last Lodge meeting having been confirmed, the report of the Committee of Management was considered and passed, with expressions as to the satisfactory condition of the Lodge, both numerically and financially. Lodge was then advanced, and by request of the W. Master of the Carnarvon Lodge 1572, Bro. Charles Joseph

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Sturge was raised to the sublime degree, the ceremony being performed, and the impressive charges duly delivered, by the retiring W. Master, who acquitted himself admirably. Bro. Magnus Ohren was then presented as Worshipful Master elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been constituted, he was installed in form, and received the customary salutations of the brethren on their readmission. Bro. Nelson Reed P.M. officiated as Installing Master, and the manner in which he performed the ceremony afforded interest, as it gave evident pleasure and instruction to the brethren assembled. The newly installed W. Master then invested his Officers for the ensuing year, the collars being thus bestowed:—Bros. W. Geo. Lemon P.M. S.W. and Hon. Treasurer, Edwin Howard P.M 181 J.W., Rev. William Taylor Jones P.M. Chaplain, Charles W. Thompson P.M. Hon. Sec., Robert Langford Sindall W.M. 1293 S.D., John Catline J.D., Nelson Reed P.M. Director of Ceremonies, Alexander Gordon Hennell I.G., Benjamin Horton 1st Steward, Alfred Thompson 2nd Steward and Henry Shaw Tyler. Lodge duties having been concluded, the brethren took train for London, and the banquet was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, the throne-room of which had been specially reserved for the company of guests. A *récherché* repast was provided by Messrs. Ritter and Clifford, and the arrangements, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Henry Mills, gave abundant satisfaction. Dessert having been placed upon the tables, amidst a profusion of exquisite cut flowers, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In proposing the Most Worshipful the Pro G. Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and passed, the Worshipful Master said he had hoped to have seen two or three other Grand Officers present that evening, but unfortunately those whom he invited had not been able to attend. He was not aware of this at the time he invited them, but it was only at the last moment they were obliged to decline. He had hoped that the G. Secretary would have been present, and had they kept a place for him till the last moment; but he had a Committee of Grand Lodge to attend, and could not therefore be with them. However, they had a representative of Grand Lodge whom all were proud to see, and he coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Charles Greenwood, the present Grand Sword Bearer of England. Bro. Charles Greenwood G.S.B., who was received with applause, said there was no doubt they had in their Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and other prominent members of Grand Lodge, distinguished Masons of whom any assembly might be proud. They gave an immense amount of labour and care to all matters that affected Masonry; and the duties of the Grand Officers were most arduous and important. It might be fairly said that before a man was appointed a Grand Officer he must have won his spurs and have done good suit and service to the Craft. They had an excellent example of this in their Worshipful Master, whom he had known many years, and had an opportunity of seeing how anxious he was to promote the best interests of the Craft. He (the speaker) was perhaps best known in the Province of Surrey, in which he had held the office of Grand Secretary for many years. He could say that no brother was more highly or deservedly respected in that Province than was their esteemed brother who now occupied the chair of the Ravensbourne Lodge, and who was the Prov. G.S.W. He augured a very prosperous year for the Lodge when they had in the chair so excellent a man as Bro. Ohren, in those of the Wardens worthy brethren of whom any Lodge might be proud. If the Ravensbourne Lodge did not make its mark in Masonry, he should be very much deceived. The I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M. felt sure the brethren would receive the toast with the utmost courtesy and pleasure. He could scarcely do sufficient honour to it, although he must say his friend Bro. Greenwood had somewhat taken the wind out of his sails. He was very proud, as one of the founders of this Lodge, that so distinguished a Mason as Bro. Ohren had been elevated to the position he now filled, for his name was as a household word amongst them. The W.M., who was received with loud and prolonged applause, thanked the brethren for the kindly manner in which they had received the toast. When he became a founder of this Lodge, he little anticipated he should become a Grand Officer. Bro. Greenwood had spoken of the position he held, and he must say the Ravensbourne Lodge had been one of the jewels that had assisted him in attaining the dignity he now enjoyed, by the kindness of the brethren. Every man must make his mark in Masonry, and amongst the Lodges with which he had been connected, the Ravensbourne had been one of the most useful and advantageous to him. He had now arrived at a point that every man who entered Masonry should try and achieve—the top of the tree—the chair of a Masonic Lodge. He thanked them for the honour they had done him in promoting him to that position, and for the cordiality with which they had received the mention of his name. He could only say he trusted that at the expiration of his year of office, the brethren would be able to say he had done his duty. In turn, he gave the health of "The Visitors," amongst whom he was glad to welcome many distinguished brethren that evening. It was gratifying to him to know that some had attended in consequence of this being the annual installation, and he wished to convey to them a cordial welcome. Bro. J. S. Peirce P.M., in responding, was glad, as a Mason of over a quarter of a century, to find on the banks of the Ravensbourne an example of such excellent working. He applauded Bro. Ohren for electing men to the higher offices in the Lodge who had gone through a considerable amount of Masonic labour, and who had borne the heat and burden of the day. It was a pleasure to an old Mason like himself to see other old Masons keeping to the front, in order that the younger brethren, who were the backbone of every Lodge, might receive from them lessons which would be useful in their career, and which, although they might not appreciate it in their neophyte state, they would do in after years. He congratulated Bro. Ohren upon having attained so high a position in the Craft, and felt assured he would hand down the insignia of office to his predecessor pure and unsullied. The W.M. then gave the health of the Past Masters, in doing which he presented to the Immediate Past Master a P.M.'s jewel, which had been voted to him by the Lodge. He hoped Bro. Burdett would receive it as an expression of their hearty good wishes and appreciation of the manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office. The I.P.M., in acknowledging the compliment paid to him, said he had been identified with the Craft many years, and thanked the brethren for the gift, not merely for its intrinsic value, but as an expression of their cordiality and goodwill, which he trusted might ever subsist amongst them for years to come. Bro. Nelson Reed also returned thanks, in doing which he regretted the absence of Bro. Jones P.M., who was the father of the Lodge, and who had done good suit and service to it. He had very great pleasure in conducting the installation ceremony, and congratulated the Lodge upon having secured the services of so excellent a Master as the brother who now presided over them. Bro. C. W. Thompson also responded to the toast in a few happily chosen sentences. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, in doing which he expressed regret at the unavoidable absence of Bro. Samuel Jerrard, their late Secretary, who had been compelled, through ill health, to resign his office. The Lodge had been exceedingly fortunate in securing the services of Bro. Lemon as Treasurer, and he was proud that he had been elevated to so high a position. Several other toasts were honoured, the health of Bro. W. G. Lemon being received with especial favour. During the evening some excellent vocal and instrumental music was given, Bro. E. A. Basley, Mus. Doc., rendering efficient assistance as accompanyist on the pianoforte.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 23rd instant. Present:—Bros. Gibbs W.M., Perl S.W., Potter J.W., R. Pearcy Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Secretary, Fidge S.D., Weeden J.D., Williams I.G.; also Bros. S. E. Moss, I. P. Cohen, Brasted, Trewinnard, A. Mullord, Gilham, Richardson, E. Woodman, T. G. Reason, Houghton, Ferrar, Wolf, Snook, and R. M. Jones. After usual formalities had been duly observed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. R. M. Jones acting as candidate. On Lodge being advanced a degree, Bro. Gilham proved himself efficient, and was entrusted, when Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Gilham candidate; both ceremonies were ably performed by the W.M. Bro. G. F. Snook, of the Kingsland Lodge 1693, was elected a member, and Bro. Perl was duly appointed to preside on the first Saturday in May, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction this evening, under the very able presidency of Bro. S. E. Moss P.M. Tranquillity Lodge 184, who will be supported by Bros. D. Moss (I.G. Star 1275) S.W., Brasted (W.M. Duke of Connaught 1524) J.W., and R. Pearcy (P.M. United Strength 228) Preceptor. Lodge opens at 7 p.m.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 19th April. Bros. Myers W.M., Johnson S.W., Pavitt J.W., Smith S.D., Roddam I.G., Brownson, Day, Rawe, &c. Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed in a very able and impressive manner. The W.M., assisted by the brethren, afterwards worked the first section of the lecture. Bro. Johnson was elected to occupy the chair on Tuesday, 3rd May.

On Tuesday, 26th April, Bros. Cundick W.M., Myers S.W., Pavitt J.W., Musto Preceptor, Ives I.G.; Smith, Johnson, Watkins, Rawe, Keable, &c. In accordance with the rules of this Lodge of Instruction, at this meeting sections only were worked. It was gratifying to have one so well versed in the sections as Bro. Cundick to occupy the chair; he was ably supported by Bro. Myers. The following worked the several sections:—1st, Bro. Ives; 2nd, Bro. Watkins; 3rd, Bro. Pavitt; 4th, Bro. Johnson; 5th, Bro. Smith; 6th, Bro. Musto; 7th, Bro. Myers. Lodge was regularly closed, and adjourned to 3rd May.

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ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, A SHEEP IN WOLF'S CLOTHING. At 9, THE MONEY SPINNER, or THE LADY OF LYONS.

LYCEUM.—At 7.45, THE CUP. At 9.30, THE BELLE'S STRATAGEM OR OTHELLO.

OLYMPIC.—At 7.30, DEAF AS A POST. At 8.30, JO (last night.)

ADELPHI.—At 7.15, BARNEY THE BARON. At 8, MICHAEL STROGOFF.

GAIETY.—At 7.5, OPERETTA. At 7.20, LITTLE SENTINEL. At 8.30, FORTY THIEVES.

CRITERION.—At 7.50, BRAVE HEARTS. At 8.45, WHERE'S THE CAT?

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.45, TOM PINCH. At 9.30, DIVORCE.

OPERA COMIQUE.—At 8, IN THE SULKS. At 8.30, PATIENCE.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.50, IN HONOUR BOUND. At 8.40, THE COLONEL.

FOLLY.—At 7.30, HESTER'S MYSTERY. 8.30, THE UPPER CRUST, &c.

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LODGE HISTORIES.

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JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

(Continued from p 267.)

A curious incident is noticed at the meeting in April 1850. The W. Master (Bro. Selig) announced that he had appointed Bro. D. Joseph I.G. to the office of J.D., and Brother J. Phillips to that of I.G. The Secretary very sensibly pointed out that such a course of procedure was unconstitutional, as the resignation of Bro. Defries J.D. had not been received, and consequently there was no vacancy. The W. Master, however, was obstinate, and invested Bro. Phillips with his jewel of office, but at the May meeting he was under the necessity of retiring from his false position. He had been informed in the interim by the Grand Secretary that such appointments as he had made were, under the circumstances, contrary to the Laws of the Craft, and accordingly so much of the minutes of the previous Lodge as related to such irregular proceedings were non-confirmed. It may be added that the absence from his post of Bro. Defries J.D. was the cause of no little inconvenience to the Lodge, and that brother was written to with a view to its being ascertained if he had any intention of taking up the duties which had been assigned to him. As far as we can judge no notice of this application would seem to have been taken, and later in the year, on the remonstrance of the W.M. in open Lodge, as to the continued absence of Bro. Defries, it was resolved to appoint a new Junior Deacon in his stead, and Bro. Phillips received the appointment. One or two other matters of consequence happened during Bro. Selig's Mastership. The Lodge Bye-Laws were revised. The Secretary announced that he had discovered among the records of the Lodge "an autograph signature" of the late Duke of Sussex, M.W.G.M., and a resolution was passed to the effect that such signature should be framed and glazed and placed in the Lodge. In December a motion was made that Bro. Alexander Levy should be elected a joining member on payment of the registering fee only. An amendment, however, that Brother Levy should pay the full amount of the joining fee was carried, and Bro. Levy then tendered his resignation, which, with a due regard to its dignity, the Lodge wisely, in one sense, declined to accept, though it may fairly be doubted if the membership of the brother in question was in any way creditable to Joppa Lodge. At the same meeting Bro. W. B. Aaron was elected to be Worshipful Master for the year 1851, Bros. D. Moses and Isaacs being re-elected Treasurer and Tyler. It was further unanimously agreed that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Brother Selig in recognition of his services in the chair. We must note, however, that before Bro. Selig vacated office, a resolution was adopted unanimously for the removal of the Lodge from the George and Vulture, Cornhill, to the King's Head, Poultry, and this having been duly confirmed, the Lodge met at its new quarters for the first time on 6th January 1851, when the installation of Bro. Aaron as W. Master, followed by the appointment and investiture of Officers, took place. The Audit Committee's Report was submitted and approved. Sundry resolutions of the Committee of General Purposes, notably that providing for one audit in the year instead of two, were accepted, while the Benevolent Fund Report was submitted, and drew from the brethren manifestations of satisfaction, which, considering it had in the short period of its existence already reached close on £100, were fully justified. Bro. Carstatt was re-elected President of the Fund, and in response to his address, a further sum of £23 12s 6d was subscribed to it. In March the joining fee was, in accordance with a recommendation of the Committee of General Purposes, increased from one to two guineas. In May a quaint Bye-Law, yet one creditable to the Lodge, was unanimously passed, that a brother who had rendered good service should be admitted a member on subscription of five shillings per annum, his privileges to include those of voting on all occasions and being present on all occasions, without payment, at the various banquets. But the new law did not meet with the approval of the Grand Master, who considered it was inconsistent with the spirit and intention of the general laws of the Fraternity, and under those circumstances, so much of the minutes as related to such Bye-Law were non-confirmed. At the Emergency meeting, held in August, the somewhat unusual occurrence is noted of the withdrawal of a candidate's name for initiation on the ground that sundry members of the Lodge were not on friendly terms with him. At the September meeting a statement was presented showing that the Benevolent Fund amounted to £155 10s, of which £129 15s were in Consols, the rest being donations promised and subscriptions due, together with a cash balance in hands of Treasurer amounting to £4 3s. On this occasion the Lodge was honoured with a visit from "His Royal Highness the Ex-King of Oude, a member of the Globe Lodge, No. 23," who was accompanied by his Secretary. In October, after a slight difference between two members had been settled amicably, certain propositions made by the Committee of General Purposes, and relating chiefly to the expenditure of the Lodge, were dealt with, one relating to the extension of the vacation from two to three months being carried unanimously. In December, the usual election of Master, Treasurer, and Tyler took place, Bro. J. A. Ellis being so fortunate as to be chosen for the first-named office, while Bros. D. Moses and Isaacs were re-chosen to the other two. The Committee and Trustees of the Lodge Benevolent Fund were appointed, and a Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Aaron for his valued services as W.M. A captain in the Hungarian service, who had been initiated in Hamburgh, received a small sum in relief of his immediate necessities.

We have noted that at the close of 1850 motion was made and carried that the Lodge should remove from the George and Vulture, Cornhill, where it was located in March 1841, to the King's Head, Poultry. We presume the latter hostelry can hardly have given satisfaction, as at two successive emergency meetings in December 1851 it was unanimously agreed that the Lodge should be removed to 39 Finsbury-square, which at the time appears to have borne the designation of the City Masonic Hall, and there it was that in January 1852 Bro. Ellis received the benefit of installation as W. Master, Bro. Aaron subsequently receiving his Past Master's jewel. At the February meeting Bro. H. M. Levy, of Lodge 291, Edinburgh, who is now a very active Past Master of the Lodge, was elected a joining member of the Lodge. At the meeting on 1st March announcement was made that, in accordance with the unanimous vote of the Lodge, a letter of condolence had been addressed to the widow of Bro. J. A. Jones, one of the trustees of the Lodge Benevolent Fund, and that it had been most gratefully acknowledged by the family of the deceased brother. It was further announced that Mr. A. A. Jones, the deceased's brother, had presented five guineas to the Fund. In June, in consequence of a notice from the landlord of the house, it became necessary to seek fresh quarters, and after due consideration, at an emergency meeting assembled for the purpose, a Sub-Committee was appointed with a view to making the arrangements; and in October the Lodge resumed its meetings at its new quarters, the White Hart, Bishopsgate-street, the principal event of the meeting being a motion that Bro. D. Moses, who had held the office of Treasurer for over forty years, should be requested to sit for his portrait, as the Lodge was anxious to be possessed of such a memorial of one who had so long and faithfully served it. The request was acceded to by Brother Moses, and a Committee for carrying out the necessary arrangements was appointed. Nothing further of any moment occurred during Bro. Ellis's term of office; and when, in the course of things, the election night came round and Bro. Beyfus had been elected his successor, while Bros. D. Moses and Isaacs were re-elected Treasurer and Tyler respectively, the usual satisfactory compliment of a Past Master's jewel was voted to him in recognition of his great services to the Lodge, while, in addition to this, it was unanimously agreed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Ellis for the zeal and ability he had displayed, and for his readiness on all occasions to promote the welfare of the Lodge. The proceedings at the installation were of an eminently satisfactory character. There was a balance in favour of the Lodge, after reckoning its assets and liabilities, of upwards of £26, while the Benevolent Fund Report showed that, when the promised subscriptions had all been paid in, the total sum was over £240. In the course of the evening a hearty appeal was made on its behalf by the W. Master, in response to which subscriptions were announced to the extent of £45 3s. In the course of this Lodge petitions for relief were presented on behalf of two brethren, who were inmates of the "Hand-in-hand Institution," but the Lodge ruled that, as "that asylum afforded every comfort to its members," the petitions were not deserving of consideration. At the meeting on the 2nd May 1853, among other candidates for initiation, occurs the name of Bro. E. P. Albert, now P.M., Secretary, and P.G.P. England, who is thus within a few days of having completed a connection with the Craft of over twenty-eight years. It may be as well to add that the election was unanimous, and that his initiation into the mysteries of the first degree followed as early as possible the same evening. On the same day the sum of £5 was voted from the funds of the Lodge towards the portrait of Bro. D. Moses, Treas. Later in the year this portrait, handsomely framed, was presented to the worthy Treas., the following inscription being placed on a tablet attached:—"Presented to Bro. D. Moses, by the Members of the Lodge of Joppa, No. 223, as a mark of their esteem for his valuable services as Treasurer 43 consecutive years, A.L. 5614—A.D. 1853." The presentation was made in open Lodge by the Worshipful Master, and most gracefully acknowledged by Bro. Moses. In the interim, a rude letter of resignation was sent to the Lodge by two of its members, which, for reasons best known to itself, the said Lodge did not think proper to receive. Later in the year, steps were taken for the purpose of obtaining long leasehold premises where a Masonic Hall might be erected, and a Committee to that end was appointed, without, however, being able to effect what was desired. In November occurred another case of the rejection of a candidate, the number of black balls being seven. In December the ballot for a candidate was deferred till the next meeting, because different statements were made by two brethren as to whether the candidate had said it would seriously inconvenience him to attend and take his degrees, in the event of the ballot being successful. In the case of a certain brother from Liverpool, who applied in the course of the same meeting for relief, and whose case proved to be a very distressing one, the Lodge Bye-Law restricting the amount was suspended, and the poor brother was assisted to the extent of three guineas. After this the election for Worshipful Master took place, and resulted in favour of Bro. A. J. Jones S.W. Bros. D. Moses and Isaacs were re-elected to their old offices of Treasurer and Tyler respectively. The Committee and Trustees of the Lodge Benevolent Fund were chosen, and a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring Master, Bro. Beyfus, the terms of the resolution respecting the testimonial to that worthy brother being more than usually complimentary, and a sum of over £30 was at once subscribed by the members for the purpose of giving due effect to the resolution. Nor need any one be surprised at this. After making every allowance for outstanding liabilities, the balance, as per the report of the Auditors, showed a sum of £54 5s 6d in favour of the Lodge, while the Benevolent Fund had increased during Brother Beyfus's year of office

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from £240 to over £326, or, including subscriptions and donations, promised but not paid, £340 19s 7d.

On 2nd January 1854, Bro. A. J. Jones was installed Worshipful Master, and his predecessor was presented with the very handsome testimonial voted to him so gracefully on the last occasion he presided in the chair of the Lodge. The various reports were submitted and approved, with the exception of that of the General Purposes Committee which, as it contained two important propositions, was ordered to stand over for consideration. Of these propositions one was to the effect that the ballot for candidates for initiation should be delayed as late as possible at a meeting, in order that it should take place in as numerous a gathering of members as possible—a most wise resolution, which might be commended to other Lodges. The other proposal was to the effect that, owing to the great increase in the membership of the Lodge, the initiation fee should be increased to ten guineas, and the joining fee to five guineas. It will be seen in due course what was the fate of these proposals. At the February meeting a report of the Committee of General Purposes was submitted. The first resolution was to the effect that a member and past Officer, who had been guilty of conduct disrespectful to the Worshipful Master on the occasion of his installation, should be admonished, and as this part of the report was accepted, the sentence of admonition was recorded against him. The other resolution, which, however, was not accepted, was strong in its condemnation of the brother who had undertaken to supply the installation banquet. We may imagine how strong was the feeling of the Committee when it introduced into its motion such language as that "such a dinner was disgraceful for any professed cook to lay upon a table at a Public Festival." In March it was unanimously resolved to subscribe one guinea annually to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. At the May meeting we find among other candidates for initiation, and who were accepted, the name of Bro. S. B. Gompertz, and he and them were initiated accordingly the same evening. In November a recommendation of the Committee of General Purposes was agreed to, that the initiation fee should thenceforward be seven guineas, and not ten guineas, as formerly suggested, while the annual subscription was fixed at £2 10s per member, with an additional seven shillings and sixpence in the case of those brethren who dined on installation night. In December Bro. Henry Lyons was elected Worshipful Master for 1855, while the outgoing Master, Bro. A. J. Jones, was complimented in the usual manner. The latter also received the further honour of being unanimously elected on the Committee of the Benevolent Fund.

On 1st January 1855 Bro. Lyons was installed, and Bro. Jones decorated. The Auditors' report showed a balance in favour of the Lodge of over £74, out of which it was unanimously agreed to present the sum of ten guineas to the Patriotic Fund. It was further agreed that the Worshipful Master should have the privilege of inviting six guests to the banquet instead of two. On this occasion there were present no less than eighty-two brethren, including visitors. In February steps were taken with a view to moving to other quarters, and after due consideration and discussion, at an emergency meeting, it was resolved that a move should be made to the Albion, Aldersgate-street, the present headquarters of the Lodge, and most excellent headquarters they are known to be. In May a resolution was passed, on the motion of Bro. Past Master Selig, to the effect that a memorial should be presented to the Board of General Purposes, complaining against the President and Board of Stewards for refusing tickets to the Worshipful Master and Officers of the Lodge for the last Grand Festival of the Order, held on the 25th April. A reply was furnished to this, in which the Grand Secretary stated that the said Board of General Purposes saw nothing in the memorial or resolution calling for its interference. In October the unusual incident of seven gentlemen being initiated on one and the same evening occurred, the Most Worshipful Grand Master's sanction having been previously applied for and granted, the ground on which the application was made being that some of them were on the point of leaving England. At an emergency meeting, held in the same month, two grandsons of the venerable Treasurer, Bro. D. Moses, were balloted for, and initiated. In November the Committee of General Purposes submitted a report to the effect that (1) the provision at the last banquet had been prepared in accordance with ancient custom, so that a rumour to the contrary had no foundation in fact; (2) it would be necessary for each member to pay an additional halfcrown per quarter if it was intended to have five banquets in the year; (3) the Tyler's remuneration should be increased from nine to fifteen shillings. These several recommendations were unanimously accepted. The month following Bro. Risch was elected Worshipful Master for the year 1856, while Bro. Beyfus was appointed a Trustee of the Benevolent Fund, vice Bro. Henry Levy P.M., who was about to leave England. The Committee to the said Fund was elected by ballot, as usual, and a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. H. Lyons, in recognition of his services to the Lodge.

At the meeting in January 1856, after the installation of Bro. Risch as W. Master, the appointment and investiture of Officers, and the presentation to Bro. H. Lyons I.P.M. of a handsome Past Master's jewel, with an illuminated vote of thanks for his services, the Reports of the Audit Committee and Benevolent Fund Committee were submitted and passed. The former showed a balance to the good of over £73, and from the latter we learn that the net amount received in 1855 was £84 16s 11d. At the February meeting, a Report was presented with reference to having a ball, and it was resolved on making the necessary arrangements for one to take place on the 18th March. The Committee of General Purposes submitted a Report on the subject of the price to be paid per head for banquets, and also in respect of an application which had been made to the Worshipful Master for his recommendation in favour of a new Lodge. The Committee reported as to the latter business that Bro. Risch had declined to meet the wishes of the applicants until he had the opinion of the Committee and the Lodge. The recommendation of the former was to the effect that the Master and Wardens be authorised to sign the petition, with the proviso that as the principal point urged by the applicants for a new Lodge was that the Lodge of Joppa was "uncomfortably numerous," the application of the petitioners for the Warrant, and the election of others who might join it, should be considered "tantamount to a resignation from the Lodge of Joppa," in the event of the prayer of the petitioners being granted, as that would be "the only means of carrying out the genuine objects" the brethren had in forming the new Lodge. This recommendation, in spite of an amendment to non-confirm it, was endorsed by the Lodge by a very large majority. On 7th April Bro. S. M. Lazarus tendered his resignation of the Secretaryship, and Bro. Selig P.M. was appointed in his stead. In May the sum of two guineas was voted towards the Girls' School Festival, and it was resolved to subscribe one guinea annually towards that admirable Institution. At this meeting a brother appealed for relief, and also that his petition to the Lodge of Benevolence should be supported by the Lodge. Both applications were acceded to, but we gather from the minutes of the June meeting that the brother died before the petition could be presented to the Lodge of Benevolence, and the widow therefore prayed the Lodge to support her petition. This request was promptly attended to, and the poor lady's wishes were satisfied. At an emergency meeting on the 16th October, a report from the Committee of General Purposes, recommending that the members pay fifteen shillings per quarter instead of twelve shillings and sixpence was submitted. The recommendation was discussed at length, and adjourned on the motion of Bro. Beyfus P.M., on the ground that a great deal of time had been spent in debate, and that dinner was waiting. The brethren then adjourned to the banquetting hall, where they "partook of dinner with ample dessert and wine, &c.," and doubtless with an appetite increased a thousandfold by the labours of discussion. The December meeting must have been a mournful one, the W.M., Bro. Risch, having died since last meeting. The funeral service was read as a tribute of respect to his memory, and after considering various plans for further honouring their deceased Worshipful Master, it was resolved to erect by private subscription among the members a monument over their brother's grave. The sum of £27 was then and there collected towards this purpose, and it was further resolved to have a resolution of regret for the untimely demise, after a brief illness, of Bro. Risch, entered on the minutes, and a similar resolution on vellum framed and glazed, and hung up in the Lodge room, as a perpetual memorial in his honour. Bro. L. Alexander was elected W.M. by a majority of votes, and the same brethren who had occupied those offices for many many years were re-elected Treasurer and Tyler.

In January 1857 took place, with the customary ceremonial, the installation of the new Master Bro. Lewis Alexander, among his officers being Bros. E. P. Albert S.D.—promoted from J.D. in 1856—and H. M. Levy I.G. The Audit Report showed a balance in favour of the Lodge, after every outlay had been provided for, of £107 12s 8d, while that of the Benevolent Fund showed that £77 2s 6d was added to that fund in 1856, and after dinner a further sum of fifteen guineas was subscribed to it. At the April meeting a son of Bro. Henry Lyons was initiated, by dispensation from the M.W.G. Master, he being a minor of eighteen years and upwards. At the same meeting a motion was submitted for the removal of the Lodge from the Albion, but an amendment, that no sufficient reasons had been assigned for the removal, and that therefore it should remain in its present quarters, was carried, and the motion thus fell to the ground In May a motion to increase the annual subscription from £2 10s to £3 3s was lost, as it was agreed to by only 14 votes to 9, and the Bye-Laws required a two-thirds majority of those present in all questions affecting the amounts to be paid to the Lodge.

[To be continued.]

A DESERVING CASE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—Allow me the space of a few words in behalf of a widow of a Freemason who seems to be much neglected, although much deserving the support of the Masonic fraternity.

She is named Naomi Gamble, of Plymouth, making her *fourth* application, and standing No. 5 on the list of candidates for election to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Widows of Freemasons in the month ensuing of May 1881.

Her late husband, as I am credibly informed, spent much of his money, for nearly a quarter of a century on Masonry; and his poor widow is now left out in the cold forsaken, unless she can find a friend to help the helpless. I shall be glad to receive proxies in her favour.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL ACE, D.D., F.R.A.S.

Laughton Vicarage, Gainsborough,
26th April 1881.

We have received a further able letter from Bro. Sims P.M., and also one from another Officer of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602, on the "Attendance of Past Masters." As Bro. Sims courteously accepts Bro. E. Van Donop's apology for having unintentionally wounded the feelings of Bro. Sims and his brother Past Masters, and concludes his letter with the two very excellent pieces of advice—"Don't do it again," and "Be merry and wise," and as we think no advantage will be gained by the publication of these letters, we close the correspondence with this acknowledgment of the receipt of said letters, and express the hope the writers will be content with this recognition of their contents.

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CONSECRATION OF THE SELWYN LODGE, No. 1901.

THE Consecration of the Selwyn Lodge took place on Thursday, 21st inst., at the East Dulwich Hotel, its advent being most successful, and augaring well for its future prosperity. The occasion will be long remembered by all who were fortunate enough to be present, as a red-letter day in the annals of Freemasonry. The ceremony was most impressively performed by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary of England, who was assisted by Bro. Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, M.A., P.P.G.C. (since appointed G. Chaplain) as Chaplain, Capt. N. G. Philips P.G.D. as S.W., H. D. Sandeman P.D.G.M. Bengal as J.W., and James Terry P.M. P.P.G.W. (Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution) as Director of Ceremonies. The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. Edwin M. Lott P.P.G.J.W. Jersey P.P.G.O. Surrey, &c., and the way in which they were carried out aided the general success of the meeting. The consecrating ceremony having been completed, Bro. W. H. Hook P.M. 186 and 1619 was duly installed into the chair as first W.M.—the G. Secretary fulfilling the duties of Installing Master, and warmly congratulating Bro. Hook on his accession—for the third time—to the highest office of a Lodge. The Officers were then appointed, and a long list of names of candidates, both for joining and initiation, having been presented, and the propositions on their behalf seconded, the Lodge was closed, and brethren proceeded to the banquet-room, where a first-rate repast awaited them. The banquet was served by Bro. Gurney in a manner which reflected the highest credit on his supervision and care; everything that could conduce to the comfort and pleasure of the brethren was carried out, with the result that a most enjoyable evening was spent. After disposing of the usual loyal toasts the Worshipful Master gave the Grand Officers, thanking them for their presence on the occasion, which presence had lent lustre to the ceremonies, and grace and dignity to the social board. The W.M. felt honoured by having so many illustrious Masons to support him. The Right Wor. Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman replied, in a few well chosen remarks stating the gratification and pleasure it gave him and the Grand Officers to assist on this occasion, and to support the dignity of the chair in Lodge and at the banquet. The toast of the Consecrating Officer, the V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, was then given by the W.M., who thanked him very much for the courtesy and kindness shewn him, for the manner in which he had received him at Grand Lodge, the careful advice he had given him, and the interest he had taken in the formation of the Lodge. He most heartily tendered his best thanks for the very able and impressive manner in which he had performed the duties of consecration and installation, and he felt proud to have the honour of his presence at his right hand that evening. The Grand Secretary returned thanks for the enthusiastic manner in which his health had been given, and said he was delighted to be present with the W.M. and brethren. He expressed his gratification at the manner in which the W.M. had arranged everything. He believed he could say, there was nothing left undone which could have been done by the W.M. to ensure success, and he believed from so good a foundation a most influential and useful Lodge would be the result. They had a goodly number of influential members and candidates proposed that evening. They had a good Lodge-room and accommodation, and a good Mason as the first W.M. The Grand Secretary then proposed the W.M.'s health, which was received most enthusiastically. He felt sure, from what he had seen and known of Brother Hook that he was the right man in the right place. He could testify to the anxiety which the W.M. had evinced for the welfare of his Lodge. He was evidently a Mason in the true acceptance of the term. His son and his son-in-law were both present, and had been initiated by their respected father. He felt quite sure the foundation of the Selwyn Lodge was safe in his hands, and he hoped the Great Architect of the Universe would spare him many years to watch over the interests of the Lodge. The W.M. responded in a few well-chosen remarks, thanking the Grand Secretary for his kindness and good opinion of himself; he felt that whatever was worth doing was worth doing well, and hoped his conduct through life would always merit the esteem and confidence of his brethren in Freemasonry. The W.M. next gave the Visitors, coupling the toast with the name of Bro. C. Hutton Past Grand Deacon. He said they had a goodly array of Visitors there, indeed so many that time would not permit him to give their names, but he felt sure they all believed the right hand of fellowship was held out to them, and always would be by the brethren of the Selwyn Lodge. They were honoured that evening by the presence of many great names in the Masonic world who had thought it not beneath them to visit and uphold this Lodge on its birthday; he thanked them most heartily for their presence and support on the occasion. Bro. Hutton, in response, said he took exception to one or two remarks of the W.M. with regard to thinking it beneath their dignity to be present there that evening; he thought it one of the noblest principles of Freemasonry that mansions, terrace gardens and broad acres were no obstacles to the fraternisation of Mason with Mason; all barriers were swept away when they met on the level in their Lodges; he was pleased to be there. It was no light task to undertake the obtaining a warrant for a new Lodge, especially now the Grand Master had expressed his opinion on the subject; grants would be few, and very carefully considered. The members might be surprised to hear he had known their W.M. for twenty-five years, and could tell them Bro. Hook was no rolling stone, he had by his own energy and perseverance placed himself in a high position in the mercantile world; he is a man of energy, usefulness and uprightness. He (Bro. Hutton) had no fear for the success of their Lodge now he saw who was at the head of it. Follow Bro. Hook's advice, follow his principles, listen to his suggestions, and support him; their Lodge will then be one of the best in London. He thanked them one and all for the very kind way in which they had received the toast of the Visitors. The W.M. next gave the Officers; he was particularly fortunate in having Officers who intended the work should be done well; he hoped the Selwyn Lodge would be second to none in its working; it was a most painful thing to see an Officer performing his duties in a meaninglees and slovenly manner; one such in a Lodge spoilt the whole ceremony; he trusted and believed each Officer he had appointed was fully competent for his position. He thanked them for their support; they had responded most heartily to his wishes. The splendid Lodge furniture and fittings would be paid for nearly all by donations from the Officers and brethren, and this was a good beginning. He trusted at the end of his year of office to say, Well done, good and faithful servants; he believed he should have the full confidence of the Officers and brethren during his year of office. Bro. Linscott S.W., replied on behalf of the Officers. He trusted that the opinions of the W.M. would be fully realised; he could speak with confidence for himself; he believed every Officer was anxious to work well and fully to support the W.M. The Worshipful Master gave the Charities, coupling the name of Bro. Terry, whom he thanked heartily for the part he had taken in the ceremonies, and his kind words at all times. Bro. Terry was always ready with advice and help, and deserved well of all who knew him; he trusted the Selwyn Lodge would come to the front as regarded the Charities; he did hope and trust that in the second year of its existence the members would send a Steward to one of the Institutions, with a round acknowledgment of the thanks of the Selwyn for favours received. Bro. Terry, in the course of his remarks in reply, said, of course all the Charities wanted help; all he could say was, that although the W.M. did bring a substantial amount as Steward for the Benevolent Fund last year, he could strongly recommend him to try it again next year; personally he could recommend the Benevolent Fund; he thanked the brethren for toasting him so heartily, and hoped soon to see them in working trim. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, which were pronounced to be a great success in every way. Bros. G. T. Carter, J. L. Hodges, and Wallis, with Bro. E. M. Lott at the pianoforte, gave some songs, &c., during the evening, thus adding to the enjoyment of the brethren.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the regular meeting, held at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on 22nd April. Bros. C. E. Botley W.M., F. Botley S.W., Gomm P.M. J.W., Tucker (T.) S.D., Gunner (H.S.) J.D., Monson I.G., &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Tucker candidate. After a call off, Lodge opened in second and third degrees, when the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Gunner candidate. Bro. F. Botley was elected W.M. for 29th instant.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—Held at Bro. Fromm's, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, on Wednesday, 20th inst., under the Preceptorship of Bro. W. H. Myers P.M. Lodge was opened by Bro. S. L. Green P.M. W.M., supported by Bros. Partridge S.W., Robson J.W., McDonald, Kimbell, Smith, Seymour-Clarke Sec., and others. The ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Partridge was afterwards elected W.M. for Wednesday, 27th inst. Brethren are earnestly invited to attend. The House is next Moorgate-street Station. Hours seven until nine p.m.

Mount Edgcumbe Lodge of Instruction, No. 1446.—At the Harp Tavern, Jermyn-street, on Tuesday. Bro. Paul W.M., W. Cleghorn S.W., Hemming J.W., Farwig Preceptor, F. V. Green Hon. Sec.; Birrell, Hurdell, Richardson, Percy, F. Green, Cohen, Levy, &c. Formalities were fully observed, and the Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren:—First Lecture—Bros. Cohen, J. J. Smith, Skinner, Clegborn, W. C. Smith, E. Farwig, and Watts respectively. Second Lecture—Bros. Pink, Hemming, Richardson, Clegborn, and Hurdell. Third Lecture—Bros. Blundell, Birrell, and Richardson. Lodge was resumed. Bros. Percy, N. J. Lloyd, Gulliford, George Coleman, Kirkaldy, Birrell, and Hill were unanimously elected members. A vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was voted to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had worked the Fifteen Sections, and that he be elected an honorary member. The W.M. returned thanks in suitable terms. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed.

NEW ZEALAND.

An Auckland correspondent sends us the following items:—

The regular Quarterly Communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge S.C. was held 1st February, at the Masonic Hall, Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker V.W.P.G.M. for the North Island of New Zealand presiding. The principal business was the election of Grand Lodge Officers. With one exception the whole of the retiring Officers were re-elected. Bro. Hendry P.G. Sword Bearer, declined to take office again, and Bro. Dunwoodie I.P.M. of Lodge Manukau was elected in his place.

It would appear as if the erection of a Masonic Hall in Auckland, on the site in Prince's-street, is after all to be an accomplished fact, for, after years of waiting, plans have been prepared by Mr. Skinner, which have been approved by the committee. Tenders have been called, and, at a meeting held on Monday night, one was accepted. There was close competition. The tenders received are as follows, and the lowest was accepted:—J. Ellingham, £3,579; Bailden and Stephenson, £3,127; J. J. Holland, £3,010; McConnachie and Flatt, £2,967; Marshall, £2,960; J. Hay[illegible]n £2,950; W. Shailer, £2,943; C. J. Matthew, £2,918; A. Wat[illegible], £2,870; A. Maguire, £2,799; W. Blowden, £2,767; J. Colbeck, £2,630.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 30th APRIL.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

MONDAY, 2nd MAY.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
M.M. 139—Panmure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
507—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
623—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
1311—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
1339—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1364—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
1674—Caradoc, Town Hall, Rhyl
1678—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
1796—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley

TUESDAY, 3rd MAY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 3 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 310 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction.)
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
R.A. 303—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal

WEDNESDAY, 4th MAY.

Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1534—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
647—Humphrey Chesham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Erith.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 5th MAY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
1339—Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7. (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston
1523—St. Mary Magdalene, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Bell Hotel, Shoreditch

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
266—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
280—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
1384—Equity, Alfords Chambers, Widnes
1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1560—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 6th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)

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507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction.)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1208—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8 .0 (In.)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
343—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
443—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
531—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Room, Chorlton-cum Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Free masons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

LORD WARDEN LODGE, No. 1096, DEAL.

IN consequence of the usual night of meeting falling on Good Friday, a Lodge of Emergency was held on Friday, 22nd inst., at the Lodge Room, St. George's Hall, at 3.30 p.m., for the purpose of installing Bro. W. Carterfield S.W. and W.M. elect. The weather was fine, but owing to the few and inconvenient trains to Deal, there was not quite such a numerous gathering as was expected. As a rule this is one of the best attended meetings in this part of the Province, owing, no doubt, to the reputation which this Lodge has gained for itself during the past few years. There were present—Bros. H. R. L. Botting W.M., T. J. Usher P.M. P.P.G.R., J. B. Harrison P.M. P.G.C., F. Leith P.M., E. Kirby P.M. Treasurer, R. Measham P.M. P.P.G.C. Devon, T. Ayling P.M., W. Carterfield S.W., G. Band S.D., R. S. Davey D.C., H. Chambers Steward, S. Holgate Tyler, S. Willey, E. Rea, J. Loughlin, H. Webb, George C. Harding, B. M. Beer, E. Grigg, Alex. F. S. Bird P.P.G.J.W., B. Wood W.M., T. Bent P.M. of 784, C. W. Carlyon 1174, J. Jackson 1428, W. Crawford W.M. 127, J. Pardon 1205, R. J. Emmerson P.M. P.P.G.J.W., L. Hills P.M. 1206, T. Fenwick W.M. 1209 P.P.G.S.B., J. Webb W.M. 1223 and J. Chubb P.M. 1314; Bro. H. Abrams 127 officiated as Organist. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes were read and confirmed, as this was on the notices of the meeting. As soon as the Lodge was opened in the second degree, the W.M. elect was presented by Bro. E. Kirby, who during the ceremony acted as Director of Ceremonies. The W.M. then duly and regularly installed his successor into the chair in a way that has seldom been equalled, and rarely, if ever, excelled; reflecting the highest credit upon the Lodge, and adding another to its laurels. No point was omitted. When the Lodge was closed in the second and third degrees, the W.M. invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. Band S.W., Davey J.W., Chambers S.D., Rea J.D., Harrison Chaplain, Kirby Treas., Usher Hon. Sec., Leith D.C., B. M. Beer and Webb Stewards, Holgate Tyler, accompanying each with a few suitable remarks. The addresses were then delivered by the Installing Master in a most impressive manner, which obained the attention of every one. After the ceremony was over, votes of thanks were given to the Visitors for the pleasure they had afforded by their presence, and to the Installing Master for the very efficient way in which he had performed his arduous duties that afternoon; these were suitably responded to. The W.M., in a neat and feeling speech, then presented the Installing Master with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel, subscribed for by the brethren as a mark of their fraternal regard and esteem. In thanking the Worshipful Master and brethren for their, to him, most unexpected kindness, he assured them the gift would always be highly prized by him and his. There being no further business after the election of Bro. T. Ayling as the Representative of the Lodge on the Prov. Charity Committee, Lodge was closed, and the brethren and visitors adjourned to the banquet, provided by Bro. Spinner, of Margate, in the Lodge room, which was most elegantly decorated. The viands were of first rate quality, excellently cooked, and admirably served, much to the gratification of those present, who did ample justice to the repast. After the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily responded to. Brother Bird in replying to the toast of the Prov. G. Officers, took occasion to bring forward the Holmesdale Testimonial Fund, and after pointing out the great good the Prov. G. Master had done in the Province during the past twenty-one years, said it was a matter of great regret that the subscriptions had fallen very much short of their anticipations. Though most Lodges had subscribed, very few individual members had done so. The subscriptions were limited to 10s for members, but there was no reason why a smaller sum should not be given. This was a matter he should leave to the consciences of the brethren. The I.P.M., Bro. Botting, then rose: he had the pleasure of proposing the next toast which was the one they were there to do honour to—the health of their W.M. The unanimity of the vote by which they had elected Bro. Carterfield as their W.M. for the ensuing year was a sufficient proof of their confidence in him, and of their knowledge of his qualities without needing any trumpeting from him. He congratulated the W.M. on his selection of Officers as he was sure his choice met the approbation of the brethren, and would ensure the proper working of the Lodge and the maintenance of its efficiency. Their W.M. had served a very good apprenticeship, and he was confident that if his health permitted, he would never be absent from his post. He (Bro. Botting) had had the pleasure of introducing him into Freemasonry, and in fulfilment of his promise given then had stuck closely to him, and would see him safely through his year of office. He called on the brethren to unite with him in wishing their W.M. a prosperous year of office, and every happiness here below. This toast was drunk with the utmost enthusiasm and real, good "Kentish Fire." The W.M. briefly but suitably responded. Bro. Kirby then proposed the Masonic Charities, and in a very forcible speech pointed out the great good these Charities were doing, and how the necessity of maintaining them became every year a greater duty in spite of the exertions they had already made. Although many Masons were constant subscribers, yet there was a countless number who never subscribed anything. He pointed out that the large sums that were collected last year by the Stewards should incite them to greater exertions. Every Mason could act as a Steward by collecting subscriptions from his own family and friends. However small those subscriptions might be, they would help to swell the amount. He could point to several well known members who for years had acted as Stewards, and he thought it was quite time some of the younger brethren came forward to take their place, and infuse fresh life into the work. He coupled Bro. Ayling's name with this toast. In reply, Bro. Ayling gave some very interesting statistics with reference to the Institutions, and took the opportunity of refuting the statements made by some one who had not studied the matter, that the cost of each boy in the School was £80. Such a statement, unsupported by evidence, was such as never ought to have been made by a Mason, as it was likely to give the brethren an idea that the Institutions were very extravagantly managed, when such was not the case. He compared them with other great Schools, and maintained they could maintain their own, as was evidenced by the result of the last examinations. In conclusion, he made a very strong and urgent appeal for support on behalf of our excellent Institutions which Bro. Kirby had aptly called the "three noblest in the kingdom." Bro. Usher P.M. proposed the health of the I.P.M., saying he had done his duty well, had been most constant in his attendance, and zealous in the performance of his duties. The way in which he had done the work that afternoon was a fitting termination to his year of office. He had justly earned the respect and esteem of the brethren, and all hoped he would be spared many years to be with them, and continue his services to the Lodge. Bro. Harrison proposed the Visitors, and remarked that he hoped by that time next year there would be greater facilities for locomotion, and so they might reasonably expect a greater number. Bro. Webb W.M. Amherst Lodge replied, and thanked them for the very capital evening he had spent, and complimented the Lodge upon their excellent working. Bros. Wood and Crawford also responded. The W.M. gave the P.M.'s, and Bro. Usher the Senior P.M., and one of the founders of the Lodge returned thanks. Bro. Band S.W. replied to the toast of the Officers, and said it was their intention to strive with all their might to prove themselves worthy of the honour that had been bestowed on them, and that in them their W.M.'s confidence had not been misplaced. After the Tyler's toast, the brethren separated, having spent a most enjoyable evening. The proceedings were very agreeably enlivened by some excellent vocal music. Under the direction of Bro. Botting, assisted by Bro. Abrams at the piano, the following programme was gone through with excellent finish and style, to the intense enjoyment of the brethren, Bros. Botting and Chambers and Messrs. 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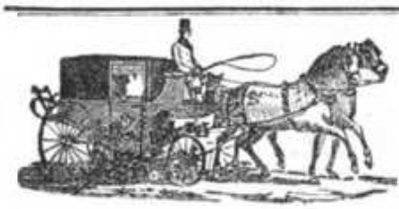
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THE APPROACH OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

THE mere mention of the month of May is sufficient to kindle that excitement which invariably attends the prospect of well-earned rest from labour. The season of Masonic activity, which set in with its wonted vigour last autumn, is rapidly approaching to a close, and with the exception of a few Lodges, as well as but occasional gatherings, the Craft, in London, at all events, will be in a state of quiescence. Of course, there are certain events which yet remain to be accomplished ere the present working year is brought to a conclusion, and certain of these are of the very greatest importance. There is, for instance, the Anniversary Festival, on Wednesday week, of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, when the chair will be taken by Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, and a numerous and active Board of Stewards will, we trust, be successful in causing a liberal array of donations and subscriptions to find their way into the coffers of that Institution. It is needless to say, after our article of last week, that we sincerely hope the Craft will behave with its accustomed generosity. Two days later—that is, on Friday, the 20th instant—will be held the Annual General Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and sundry annuitants on the Male and Female Funds will be elected to fill the vacancies which death has caused during the past twelve months among our Old Folk. Having regard to the magnificent success of the last Festival, let us hope the meeting will resolve on making an addition, more or less considerable, to the number of those who are chosen to receive the benefits of this Charity. Later still there is the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The Marquess of Londonderry, K.T., Provincial Grand Master of Durham, has, with a view to signalise his appointment to that office, very kindly consented to preside, and we may be sure the interests of "Our Boys" will be well looked after, under the auspices of so distinguished a Mason, both by the Craft generally and by the Province which has the honour to acknowledge him as its Chief. And still later, there will be held the Anniversary Festival of yet another Masonic Charity, to wit, that of the Mark Benevolent Fund, which, though as yet small by comparison with our Central Charities, is worthy of all encouragement and support, and one day no doubt will assume greater proportions. But when we have enumerated these, we have about completed the list of events which are likely to prove of general interest, and we may look to the season from now to mid-September or October as being wholly given up to rest, with an occasional interlude in the form of an excursion by land or water to some chosen resort of pleasure. To this form of entertainment we propose to devote a small space.

We have, on more than one occasion ere now, expressed our opinions on the subject of excursions, and the best way of turning them to good account. It is proper, as well as pleasurable, for members of a Lodge to meet together and enjoy themselves at these festive gatherings. So much is constantly said and written as to Masonry and its duties, that people are apt to lose sight of the fact that one of the most satisfactory of its characteristics is that it is essentially a social institution. Free and ancient Masonry may be defined, and very properly, as including no more than three degrees, with the Royal Arch, and the learned among us may exercise their minds as to the origin and significance of those degrees, whether their existence is coeval with that of Masonry, or whether one of them may not have been erected in order to give greater completeness to the system. But whatever differences of opinion may exist on these and other points of moment, there is no doubt as to the social element being a very appreciable part and parcel of the Craft. Being a morality, one of its principal aims is to promote good-fellowship, and how can this be done better than by including in the programme of our regular and holiday gatherings, a hearty and energetic discussion of the good things of this life? It is all very well for people to look aghast at so audacious a proposition; men and women were not created only in order to meet together in conclave, and solemnly discuss the serious questions which affect all communities alike. The good things of life were meant for their use and enjoyment, and the abuse, by abstinence therefrom, is doubtless, in the eyes of the Creator, as great a sin as is the too reckless and extravagant indulgence in them. The man, be he a Mason or not, who has honestly done his work, is entitled to a rest and to something in the way of enjoyment, and that is what very many among us are now looking forward to with so much zest.

But though we are entitled to this sort of recreation, there is no reason why we should be called upon to pay for it an outrageous price. We have again and again pointed out, and we shall keep on pointing out, that the idea by which many would seem to be actuated, to wit, that the measure of enjoyment depends on the sum expended, is altogether an erroneous one. There are those who think a banquet cannot possibly be enjoyable unless a few cases of champagne are disposed of, or that an excursion into the country is likely to be of no account whatever, unless it necessitates a large expenditure of money. But just as there are people who are sensible enough not to despise a thing because it is purchasable for a modest sum, so there are those who do not think it smacks of meanness or narrow-mindedness, if some regard is paid to the cost of an entertainment. We are not all of us so fortunate as to be indifferent to money, and if the tariff of charges is fixed too high in the case of our Summer Excursions it follows logically that some will have no option but to forego the pleasure of participating in them or to pinch themselves in their ordinary mode of living. Now we have known people enjoy themselves for the outlay of a few shillings as much as, and possibly even more than, those who have believed the expenditure of a few pounds was necessary to that end. Champagne-cup is very pleasant, but so is cider-cup, and there is a slight difference in the cost of the two beverages. A dinner at two guineas is doubtless a very grand affair, yet it is possible to supply a varied and liberal bill of fare for a crown—a bill of fare that even a Cræsus might not disdain to partake of. There is nothing reputable in the lavish expenditure of money, and a great deal of enjoyment is to be got at a moderate outlay, if the Stewards of an entertainment are people of experience. On the other hand, there is little pleasure to be anticipated from an excursion when people are afraid, every time there is a call upon them for some contribution, that their purses will be emptied before the day is over; but while people ought not to be lavish, they need not exhibit niggardliness. There is such a thing as economy to be considered, and economy does not mean cheeseparing any more than it grudges the use of what is right and proper. If our Lodges will but bear these things in mind when they are organising their Summer excursions

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or entertainments, they will be doing a service to many excellent members of the Fraternity who like to take their pleasure in season, but are not able to afford extravagance, and perhaps are a little too proud to acknowledge it. Moreover, there is this further to be considered. Ladies are present on these occasions, and if the charges are high, a brother who has a wife and daughters, and considers there is no reason why they should not have a part in the day's pleasure, will probably think twice about joining. He will argue that he would like to be of the party, but he and his belongings must find their enjoyment elsewhere, where the demands on his purse will be less formidable. We hope a sense of moderation will prevail whenever an entertainment of this description is on the carpet, so that the greatest, not the smallest, number of brethren and their friends may have part in the enjoyment.

ORIGIN AND AIM OF MASONRY.

A Fragment, by Bro. W. R. Wright.

I HAVE perused with great attention Sir William Drummond's observations on the origin and nature of the Institution of Freemasonry, and have derived the highest gratification from its perusal. However I may differ from Sir William in some few points of his hypothesis, as a man who as devoted much attention to Masonic pursuits and learned to contemplate the Institution itself in a very different point of view from that in which it has been generally treated by its advocates and its enemies, I feel the greatest satisfaction in finding my own notions of its genuine antiquity and important tendency, in so great a degree confirmed by the authority of his distinguished talents and profound erudition, for which I entertain the most sincere respect and deference. I perfectly agree in his supposition that the belief of the Zabeans was in a great degree prevalent among the Jews; but I consider it to have been adopted by that people in the more gross and corrupt form to which it was so evidently liable to be perverted, and not, as he seems to imagine, in that of pure and speculative Theism.

But as those corruptions were ultimately derived from sublime, though inaccurate and imperfect conceptions of the divine nature, I am inclined to think that the real object of the Craft degrees of Masonry as instituted by S. (Solomon?), was to reclaim the followers of that sect to a purer and more philosophical investigation of their original tenets, thus gradually preparing their minds for the reception of revealed religion.

And in this respect I would draw a marked distinction between what is usually termed the Craft or symbolical part of the science, and the system of H.R.D.M.—K.D.S.H., or as it is now more commonly styled the R.A. of J.—to which I shall first advert as being the most antient branch of our institution, and comprising what may not improperly be termed the *mysteria majora*.

The foundation of this most antient Masonry I apprehend to have been coeval with the creation of man, consisting in that system of knowledge, moral, physical, and philosophical, which the Almighty Creator gave to the first being whom he animated with a spirit resembling his own divine nature, which system was preserved in the traditions of the antient Patriarchs to the time of ———.

About the time when that eminent character appeared, these traditions, beginning to be obscured by the lapse of seven centuries, had fallen into much neglect even among those who professed to adhere to the creed of their forefathers, and were treated as idle superstitions by those of a different character.

In order, therefore, to preserve them from being further effaced or totally forgotten, that Patriarch deposited written memorials of those scientific and divine communications in the bosom of a holy mountain well known to the Fraternity, and the better to provide further security by confining such knowledge to those who might prove themselves worthy of it, instituted certain probationary and religious observances of a secret nature, which circumstance, I apprehend, is alluded to when it is said that ——— first taught men to call upon the name of the Lord.

Such is my idea of Masonry in its original and simple state. Thus preserved amongst the sons of the Patriarchs to the time of the captivity of Israel in Egypt, the system became in some degree corrupted by the intercourse of their descendants with the people of the country, who for the most part adored with extravagant and fantastic rites and monstrous superstition the symbols under which the priests of Misraim concealed the theistical doctrines derived from their progenitor ———, the son of Noah.

On the enfranchisement of the Israelites from their Egyptian captivity, the public worship of ——— was re-established among the people, in general under the injunction of solemnities and formal observances at once suited to captivate their imaginations and keep alive their zeal and attention by ordinances interwoven with all these civil and social relations, and tending to connect the past history of the human race with those future destinations of which they were the archetype.

But as the human mind, once infected with any degree of superstition or infidelity, can recover its energy and purity only by gradual means proportioned to its remaining and returning health . . . . The instruction which they there received, so far as regarded the antient ritual, was that compendious system adopted by the G. and R.C. of J., which comprised under five divisions or principal degrees the several ordinances respectively established by M. and by S., explaining under the last or 5th degree the nature and distinctive characteristics of the several intervening stages of the Mosaic Institution, the ceremonial of which it was no longer deemed necessary or expedient to retain.

Among the Crusaders the Knights of the Temple appear to have given the most sedulous and particular attention to the details of the antient Masonic system on the principles of which their own fraternal union was founded, requiring secrecy of initiation and observing the practice of mysterious ceremonies unknown to other orders of chivalry.

No one who is acquainted with the history of the Templars can doubt that these means were adopted by them for the purpose of concealing from general observation those ambitious views of domination from which their apologists (however successful in refuting all other charges against this illustrious body), have never been able to exculpate them.

On the dissolution of the Order, and in consequence of the persecution to which its members were exposed under the authority of the Pope and Philip the Fair of France, many of its principal officers took refuge in Scotland. Zealously attached to the principles of their association, they availed themselves of its ancient relation to Masonry to establish a close connection with the Lodges existing in that country, and found means to engraft on the simple plan hitherto promulgated by the brethren of the Crusades, the peculiar observances which they had exclusively retained, so modified, however, as to bear a proximate allusion to their own circumstances, and tending to keep alive the ambitious designs of the Order . . . . . by a desire to wreak vengeance on their persecutors, and to transmit these sentiments to succeeding ages, that the hour of retribution, however distant, would at length arrive.

Hence originated what is generally called the Kilwinning Rite, which appears, however, to have been more generally adopted and to have taken most deep root among the nations of the Continent (particularly in France and Germany) than among the moral and reflecting people of the country where it was originally established.

And I do most fully agree with those who attribute to the silent and progressive influences of this perverted system (co-operating with political causes, and more especially reacting on the abuse of the secular and the intolerance of the ecclesiastical authorities), a considerable portion of those anti-social and anti-christian doctrines which have spread such desolation throughout Europe.

I have observed that this system found little acceptance with the Scotch and English Masons. In the former kingdom these intermediate degrees are very imperfectly preserved; in the latter they were never received into practice, and even the degree of Knights Templar, as still existing in both countries, is strictly confined to the ritual of initiation antiently observed by that order, disfigured, indeed, by lapse of time and the ignorance of those into whose hands the administration of it has fallen, but still retaining palpable traces of the grand and impressive ceremonial originally practised on such occasions.

The similarity of our allegorical structure with the Temples of the Zabeans, and the resemblance which exists between the mysteries of Masonry, and those of *Osiris*, *Mithras*, and the *Eleusinioi* . . . . in various points of preparation, reception, and instruction, as well as its connection with the Pythagorean and Platonic Schools of Philosophy, have been so ably treated by Sir W. Drummond that I cannot presume to offer any comment in addition to what he has observed on that part of the subject, further than by remarking that the universal prevalence of similar institutions amongst the civilized nations of antiquity in Asia, Africa, and Europe (though confessedly imperfect and obscure in their nature and tendency, and widely differing from each other in many particulars), afford a strong testimony in favour of the existence of some original and pure system of mysterious and traditional instruction existing from the earliest ages of the world.

To enter upon the discussion of the relations which our institution bears to the complicated system of Hindu mythology (always beautiful and often sublime, even in its wildest extravagance of fiction) would require far more leisure and erudition than I am possessed of or can pretend to. I cannot, however, refrain from observing the extraordinary manner in which that system is itself connected with the hieroglyphics of Egypt, the belief of the antient Phœnicians (probably the founders of the Druidical religion), and the tenets of the Pythagorean and Platonic schools as far as they relate to the mysterious doctrines of the Metempsychosis and the . . . . so often descanted upon, and so little understood by contemporary and succeeding writers.

Subjects of this nature are beyond the compass of those limits which I have prescribed to my present observations; but I am not the less convinced that to the investigation of such subjects the deeper researches of the speculative Mason should be sedulously directed in the more advanced stages of his progress.

The existence, nature, and attributes of the Creator and of those spiritual essences which derived there being from Him—the origin of evil, the existence of man, the existence of matter—as taught or regarded by the followers of the Epicurean, Platonic, or Brahminic philosophy.

The end proposed in the creation of the system to which we belong.

The original nature and destination of man and of the animals subject to his power.

The primary laws and properties of the vegetable and mineral kingdoms.

The physical and moral . . . . introduced by the corruption of mankind.

The institution of sacrificial worship as well with reference to its own nature as the end for which it was designed.

The effects of that great convulsion of nature recorded in the Scriptures and in the imperfect tradition of all nations.

The confusion of languages and the analogy which all the varieties still bear towards each other through the medium of their common original.

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The foundation of Mythological superstition and of prophetical tradition as connected with astronomical observations and occurrences.

The general review of the great scheme of the moral economy of Providence for the subjugation of evil and the ultimate perfection of all things.

To those who see no more in our institution than a secret association for the inculcation and practice of universal benevolence; to those who carry their views no farther than to the ritual and instructions ordinarily observed and communicated among us, it would appear the dream of an extravagant enthusiast to connect these subjects with the name of Masonry. But in addressing myself to the writers of the papers now before me, and through the medium of the friend from whom I received that communication, I am assured that I shall incur no ridicule by such an assertion, nor be in danger of having my conception misunderstood.

In conclusion, I have only to express my regrets that Sir. W. Drummond has not carried into execution the intention to which he adverts in the concluding paragraph of his observations, and my earnest hopes that he will not abandon a design which no other can execute with so masterly a hand, and which is in itself so highly interesting to the development of the history of man and the knowledge of the mysterious dispensations of perfect wisdom and eternal truth.—*From Broadley's History of Freemasonry in the District of Malta.*

CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW LODGE AT PORTSMOUTH.

THE date of the Constitution of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, has been definitely fixed for Wednesday, the 25th of May, and the Committee are now engaged in completing the preliminary arrangements. Various circumstances have combined to invest the inauguration of the new Lodge with peculiar interest, not the least, of course, being the acceptance of Brother Commander the Right Hon. Lord Charles Beresford, of the Royal Yacht Osborne, of a cordial invitation to be the first W.M. His Lordship, who is a P.M. of the Methem Lodge, Devonport, is anxious to do all in his power to promote the prosperity of the Lodge, and has expressed his intention to devote as much time and attention as possible to its efficient working. In the I.P.M. his Lordship will have the support of an enthusiastic Mason, and the other Officers, of whom a list is subjoined, will cordially co-operate with their Chief in order that the expectations of the Founders of the Lodge may be realised, and that it may gain high rank in the province. The Constitution of the Lodge will take place in the Lecture Hall, Penny street. The ceremony will be performed by the R.W. the Prov. G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. Bramston Beach, M.P.), and representatives of the Grand Lodge of England and other distinguished members of the Craft will be present. As admission to the ceremony will be by ticket, a circular has been sent to each Lodge in the province asking for a return of the number of brethren who intend to be present on the occasion, and no doubt is entertained that the gathering will be one of the largest that has taken place in the province for many years past. The ceremony is fixed for 11 a.m., and the banquet for 2 p.m.; the latter, by kind permission of Bro. Colonel C. Lanyon Owen, is to take place at the headquarters of the Hants and Dorset Artillery Volunteers. The Warrant for the Lodge, granted by the Grand Master (H.R.H. the Prince of Wales), is now in the hands of its Founders, and the Officers have been appointed as under:—Bros. H. W. Townsend I.P.M., T. Page S.W., Lieutenant Sackville H. Carden, R.N., J.W., H. Threadingham Treas., A. Leon Emanuel Secretary, G. Knowles S.D., J. L. Martyn J.D., J. Winterbottom Organist, G. Lind Director of the Ceremonies, McLeod I.G. H. Long and S. Knight Stewards, Mansell and Carter Tylers.—*Portsmouth Times.*

ISLINGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1471, MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

THIS Association, founded in 1877, by members of the Islington Lodge of Instruction, having been brought to a successful termination, a number of brethren celebrated the occasion by a supper at Bro. Gabb's, St. Martin's Court, Ludgate-hill, on Monday, 2nd instant, Brother J. L. Mather P.P.G.D.C. Herts, the President of the Association, in the chair. After the usual loyal toasts, Bro. C. F. Matier proposed the health of the Chairman, and in the course of his remarks congratulated Bro. Mather and the working Officers of the Association on the success that had attended their efforts, a sum amounting to nearly £700 having been collected for the benefit of the various Charities—forty Life Governors being added to the list of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, fourteen to the Boys', six to the Girls' Schools, while four at present remain unappropriated. Bro. Mather returned thanks, and proposed the health of Bro. D. P. Holness 1471, the Secretary, and Bro. J. Shipley, the Treasurer of the Association, speaking in high terms of the assidnity with which they had performed their arduous duties, to the satisfaction of all the members; and at the conclusion of his remarks presented each with a handsome testimonial, as some slight return for the services they had rendered, which was acknowledged by those brethren in appropriate terms. Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Boys' School, in reply to the toast of his health, in an eloquent speech made an earnest appeal on behalf of the Charities in general, and the Boys' School in particular, urging those who had done good service in the cause not to relax their efforts, and those who had not yet turned their attention in this direction to do so, as it was a duty incumbent on all Masons, and all *could* assist if they *would*. More especially by the means of associations such as the one at whose "obsequies" the brethren were then assisting. These associations had done an immense amount of good, and he hoped to see them multiplied in all directions, a wish that was cordially reciprocated by the brethren present. The meeting broke up about eleven o'clock.

CORRESPONDENCE.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

ATTENDANCE OF PAST MASTERS.

Notwithstanding what we wrote last week, it still appears, according to a communication just to hand from Bro. Sim, he thinks we have acted unfairly in not giving insertion to the letter he sent on the subject of the "Attendance of Past Masters." Bro. Sim further informs us that the members of the Lodge interested feel aggrieved at the rejection of his epistle, more especially as they imagine they trace to a member of our staff the authorship of Bro. E. Van Donop's letters. We may take this opportunity of assuring Bro. Sim and the other brethren he represents that they are wrong in their surmise. The reason we acted as we did, as we stated last week, was, that we felt enough had been said on the subject. However, as Bro. Sim differs with us, we now give his communication the benefit of publication, and hope he and others interested will be satisfied with its appearance.—[ED. F.C.]

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

60 Queen Victoria-street,
London, E.C.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am charmed at having excited the risibility of your correspondent "E. VAN DONOP," and he seems equally so at having aroused what he is pleased to term my anger. Allow me to assure you he is mistaken in his conclusion. As perhaps with him terms are synonymous, will he pardon me if I inform him that anger and indignation are totally different experiences. I again assert that I am justified in being indignant at the liberty a stranger has taken in bringing any matter forward in the press in which he has no interest. Has "E. VAN DONOP" had the cloak of Masonic censorship thrown over him? If not, why does he take upon himself the onus of calling the attention of the Masonic world to a matter which *he states* has come to his knowledge by the perusal of a report? If "E. VAN DONOP" is regularly going to call attention to the shortcomings of every member of every Lodge, I deeply sympathise with him in his arduous task, and trust he will meet with the recognition such valuable information to the Craft in general will merit. One correction. In my communication I wrote:—

"The letter addressed to you would lead to the inference that the Past Masters were frequently absent. *So far as my knowledge goes, this is the* FIRST *occasion since the Lodge was founded.*"

"E. VAN DONOP" concludes with the following paragraph:—

"Bro. Sim is unable to speak from his own knowledge *as to its* NEVER *having happened on any previous occasion.*"

I would call attention to the false logic of your correspondent "A MASTER MASON." He writes:—

"However, what I wish to point out is, that the present race of Past Masters (another amateur censor!) appears to be under the impression that Freemasonry would die a natural death were it not for the services they render."

Is that supported or contradicted by the point in question—the absence of Past Masters? Is not the *inferential* conclusion that the present Officers are considered so capable that they do not require the presence or support of those who have passed the chair?

I regret his final assertion, "They think they are above criticism, and are occasionally overbearing in their treatment of younger brethren."

Has "A MASTER MASON" been presuming, as some young Masons do, and had his knuckles rapped, leading him (inadvertently, of course) to a conclusion attributable to another cause? I trust he will lay the "flattering unction" of his two concluding sentences to his own soul.

I cannot conclude without accepting, in as hearty a manner as tendered, "E. VAN DONOP'S" apology, and do so with a word of advice. *Don't do it again.* "*Be merry and wise.*"

Yours truly and fraternally,

EDWARD G. SIM.

The City of London Orchestral Union, of which our esteemed Bro. G. T. H. Seddon P.M. 174 is the conductor, announce their closing Concert for the season, which will take place on Wednesday next, the 11th instant, at the Albion Hall, London Wall. The vocalists engaged for the occasion are Madame Blanche Owen, and Bro. George F. Weige P.M. 860. From the success that has attended the previous efforts of this Union, a most agreeable entertainment may be prognosticated.

The report of the installation and fiftieth anniversary meeting of the Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406, is unavoidably held over till next week. We also crave the same indulgence with regard to the meeting of the Northumberland and Berwick Lodge of Mark Masters.

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REVIEWS.

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The Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, Pennsylvania. Its early History and Constitutions from A.L. 5730, A.D. 1730, its Minutes and Proceedings. List of Lodges from earliest date to December 27, 1880. Part III. Compiled and published by the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia: Sherman and Co. Printers, 1880.

At the close of our last week's notice of these minutes and proceedings we stated that on St. John the Baptist's Day 1801, the G. Lodge passed a series of resolutions for the purchase of a tenement and lot of ground near the south west corner of Ninth and Arch Streets, for the purpose of erecting on it a building suitable for holding their meetings. Many brethren, however, appear to have objected to these resolutions being carried into effect, owing to its remote situation, and in June of the following year it was resolved to purchase of a William Hunter, described as an "Arch Master," a certain "three storey brick-built messuage and lot of ground situate on the south side of Filbert-street, between Eighth and Ninth Streets" for the sum of three thousand dollars, while other resolutions were passed for having the house conveyed in fee simple to Bro. J. B. Smith and others in trust for Grand Lodge. It may be as well to add that, when the building had been made suitable for Masonic purposes, it was solemnly dedicated to Freemasonry by Bro. Jonathan Bayard Smith, in the presence of the Grand Officers and the representatives of twenty-four Lodges, that auspicious event being the last which occurred in the Grand Mastership of that distinguished brother. Here the brethren continued to meet until 24th June 1811, when they migrated to their new and more commodious premises in Chestnut-street, and the Filbert-street-building was sold for 4500 dollars, or the one-half of its original cost. On 9th March 1819, the first Chestnut Hall was destroyed by fire, and Grand Lodge re-occupied their old quarters, while the new or second Chestnut-street Hall was being built. The new Temple was ready for occupation by 1st March 1820, and since then the history of the *old* "Pennsylvania Freemasons' Hall" in Filbert-street is entirely without interest, all Masonic work in it having ceased since that date. On the 30th January 1880, the last meeting of the Rosicrucian Society was held within its walls, and the day following orders were issued for its demolition. A photograph of the old building is one of the illustrations which embellish this present Part III. of the Grand Lodge Records.

Having noted all that is important in connection with the purchase and dedication of the Hall, let us now glance at what took place in the interim between those events. On the 7th December 1801 Bro. Jonathan B. Smith was again elected R.W. Grand Master, Bro. James Milnor being chosen Deputy Grand Master, and Bros. John W. Van Cleve and E. Ferguson G. Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. At this meeting a letter from Bro. Smith was read, in which he announced that he had received, through Bro. Duplessis, the representative of several Lodges in San Domingo, under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge, a request that a Provincial Grand Master should be appointed to preside over Masonry in that island, there being already six Lodges in working order, while applications for the grant of warrants for two more had been made. Bro. Smith stated that he believed it came within his Province, as Grand Master, to grant the prayer of the petition on his own authority; but he thought it preferable to submit the matter to the judgment of Grand Lodge. On the 21st of the same month, the Committee appointed to inquire into and consider the matter reported that they thought it advisable a Provincial Grand Master for the island of San Domingo, with the rank of a Deputy Grand Master, should be appointed, and they expressed their opinion that the making of such appointment was a prerogative of the Grand Master. They accordingly requested him to confer the office on such brother as he might think proper. On the 1st March 1802 the petition for a warrant for a new Lodge at new Orleans was submitted and granted. On the 7th June 1802 it was agreed that the Committee of Purchase and Building should write to Bro. John McElwee, formerly Grand Treasurer, who would seem to have returned from Europe and taken up his quarters at Baltimore, requesting him to pay his debt to Grand Lodge, under penalty of having his conduct notified to the different Grand Lodges. On the 24th June Bro. Israel announced that he had in his possession two large china bowls, the property of Grand Lodge, and also sundry jewels, aprons, &c., which he had found in the hands of their former Grand Treasurer, Bro. McElwee, and requesting to be informed to whom he should deliver them. It was thereupon ordered that he should hand them over to the Grand Treasurer for the use of Grand Lodge. The Quarterly Communication of September 1802 was not held, owing to the presence of yellow fever in the city. On the 6th December, after the election of Bro. Israel as Grand Master, in succession to Bro. Smith, it was resolved to hold a procession of the Brotherhood, in accordance with Grand Lodge Rules, on the anniversary of St. John's Day next, the day fixed for the dedication of the new Hall. A unanimous vote of thanks was afterwards passed to Bro. Francis for having accorded permission to Grand Lodge and the subordinate Lodges to meet in his room, and this compliment was enhanced at a later meeting by a further resolution to the effect that he should be allowed to pass the chair, and be presented with an apron and jewel. In the minutes of the meeting on the 13th December a series of charges was submitted against Lodge No. 46 by one of its members, and ordered to be referred to a Committee. The charges are those of a brother who, whatever may have been his Masonic merits, was almost totally ignorant of his mother tongue. Charge I. was that the Lodge did not keep "*Regelar minnets of there* Proceeding." In Charge II. it is objected that the Bye Laws had not been "even agreed to by the *Bodey*." Thirdly, it was alleged that the *Present* members which *only consistes* of 5 or 6 holds all the *propertia* of the sd. Lodge," and yet had petitioned Grand Lodge for the remission of their dues. This "*propertia* was *purtichased* by the members while at Churchtown, and since the *Removvell* has not attended the Lodge, since nor do *the* mean to attend." Fourthly, he finds "there conduct as *Maisons* in my *opponion* was *un-Missonck*," and by no means *comming* up to the Rules of *Masonery*." The brother closed his petition with the following explanation: "It is altogether for the Sake and Love I have for *Masonery* that causes *mee* to *brig* this *forroward* and through no spite of any *inveduel* of the Body." We have seen the letters of many illiterate people, but rarely one which contained so many and such marvellous mistakes. The same day the Committee on Correspondence reported that among the various Communications they had received were resolutions from the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, Virginia, and New Hampshire, to the effect that in their opinion the establishment of a superintending Grand Lodge for the whole of North America would be neither expedient nor wise. They further announced receipt of resolutions from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, that (1) "a person rejected in a Lodge shall not be accepted or initiated in any other Lodge without the consent of the Lodge to which he first applied," and (2) that no Lodge should initiate any person or persons applying for that purpose, "when there is a Lodge of Masons held nearer to his or their residence than the one to which he or they apply, without the consent of that Lodge, except seamen." Then is recorded an important regulation of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, "that no Master of a Lodge nor regular Past Master without his own consent previously obtained, can be called to account and tried for misconduct before any other tribunal than the Grand Lodge, or a Committee appointed by them or by the Grand Master," such regulation, however, being at variance with the views of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which at this very meeting had ruled that, as the Master of a Lodge was only a member of Grand Lodge *ex officio*, when he ceased from any circumstances to be Master, his connection with Grand Lodge likewise ceased, and the Lodge had full power over a delinquent W.M. to deal with him as they thought proper. Among other announcements may be mentioned that in Virginia the Grand Master appoints his Deputy, while in North Carolina a brother acting as representative of two or more Lodges, has the power to vote in respect of each and every of the Lodges he represents. On the 27th December, the Hall, as we have said, was formally dedicated, and the Grand Master delivered an address appropriate to the occasion, after which Bro. Israel was installed as Grand Master by Bro. Duplessis, and after cordial votes of thanks to all who had taken part in the eventful ceremony of the day had been passed, a similar vote, supplemented by the presentation of a Past Grand Master's gold jewel, was ordered to be recorded on the minutes in recognition of the valuable services rendered by Bro. J. B. Smith during the term of his Grand Mastership.

At the meeting on 3rd January 1803, the subordinate G. Officers were appointed and invested, while on the 7th March the question of the establishment of a Supreme Grand Lodge cropped up once more, owing to a communication received from North Carolina to the effect that the G. Lodges of North and South Carolina had acceded to the proposition. Pennsylvania, however, retained its old opinion as to the unwisdom and inexpediency of having a central G. Lodge, but expressed no objection to a convention of delegates being held for the purpose of "forming a more intimate union, and establishing a regular and more permanent intercourse between the said G. Lodges." The Building Committee then made report as to the difficulties by which they had found themselves surrounded in the erection of the new Temple, especially as to their not having met with that private support in the shape of subscriptions from individual brethren. They recommended, therefore, that Grand Lodge should recommend to all the subordinate Lodges meeting in the Hall to appropriate and pay to them not less than five or more than ten dollars out of each initiation fee; that the price of a warrant should be raised to fifty dollars, and that twenty out of such amount should be paid to the same end, and that each Lodge using the Hall should pay a rent of forty dollars, while each Chapter and Encampment should pay twenty dollars. These and other propositions for raising the necessary ways and means—the Committee were in debt to the extent of 1500 dollars—were submitted to G. Lodge, and with other measures were accepted. On 5th June, the rare event occurred of the G. Secretary being absent and the minutes of the previous Quarterly Communication, the Minute Book likewise being an absentee, could not, of course, be read. An interesting communication from the Grand Lodge of England, "Ancients," was presented, from which it appeared that that Grand Lodge, without one shilling of debt, had a clear ascertained income of over £500 a-year, principally from the British Funds, and that such income was not wasted in ostentation, but religiously devoted to the purposes of Masonic benevolence, being distributed monthly by a Committee of Masters of Lodges. Two other communications were read—one from the Grand Lodge of Ireland giving a list of Grand Officers for the current year, and announcing that they had established two Masonic Schools, while the other was from "Brother John Mitchell K; H; P.R.S., Sovereign Grand Inspector-General of the Thirty-third and Grand Commander in the United States of America." At the 5th September, another communication from the Grand Lodge of England, "Ancients," was read, cautioning the brethren of Pensylvania against any people who may happen to present certain certificates described. A report from the Committee to which the letter from Bro. John Mitchell 33 was referred, was to the effect that as G.L. had "no jurisdiction above Royal Arches," it could not conceive that any degree above that was founded in Ancient Masonry. Later on, a letter was read from Bro. Smith Past Grand Master in which he requested the acceptance by Grand Lodge of a painting of Solomon's Temple which he had purchased, and which he thought Grand Lodge would like to possess. A vote of thanks was cordially passed to Bro. Smith for his gift, and it was agreed that the picture should be suitably framed. This painting is now in the possession of the Grand

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Lodge Library. Particulars were submitted by Bro. Duplessis respecting the appointment and investiture of the Provincial G. Officers of San Domingo, and the condition of the Craft in that island; from which it would seem that the country was in a very disturbed state, that the P.G. Lodge and Lodges were unable to meet with regularity, and that all the brethren who could do so were using their best endeavours to escape from the island, while many who had done so had been plundered of all they had saved by British cruisers.

In December, Bro. Israel was re-elected G. Master, and Bro. James Milnor, in spite of his request to be succeeded in his office by some other brother, D.G. Master; and these, with the Grand Wardens, &c. &c., were subsequently installed, and the subordinate G. Officers and Hall Committee appointed. In January 1804, a Committee reported adversely as to the proposition whether or not a brother could be "a member of two Lodges at one and the same time, and under two different Grand Lodges," and the report was endorsed by Grand Lodge. In March a resolution was agreed to "That the Committee of Accounts be directed to call on the Committee appointed on the 15th of November 1802 to procure subscriptions in aid of the building in Filbert-street, and to examine and inspect what moneys have been subscribed, what moneys have actually been collected by each member of the said Committee, and how much each member has paid over to the Building Committee, and also the amount of moneys subscribed and remaining uncollected, and that they report the same fully to this Grand Lodge." At a Special Communication on 10th April, a letter was read from the Chairman of the Joint Committees of the Tammany Society and the Philadelphia Legion, inviting the Masons to join in a procession that was being organised for the purpose of celebrating on the 12th May the acquisition of Louisiana, but Grand Lodge passed a resolution to the effect, that while thanking the Joint Committee for the said invitation, it would not be in the power of the brethren to take part in the procession in the character of Masons. In June, it was resolved that in future all communications from other Grand Lodges should be referred to a Committee of Correspondence, while the petition of a brother of Lodge No. 75, complaining of his having been expelled the Lodge without having been informed of the complaint made against, or having had a chance allowed him to make any defence, was acted upon in so far as that the Grand Secretary was instructed to write to Lodge No. 75 transmitting copy of said letter, and requesting to be furnished with a copy of the proceedings in the case. The committee of accounts reported that they were not ready to report on the accounts of the committee appointed on 15th November 1802, to procure subscriptions towards the erection of the Hall. At the meeting on 25th June, the Committee of Correspondence presented a long and elaborate report on the propriety and expediency of applying for an act of incorporation. It is unnecessary to repeat the Committee's reasons for declining to recommend the plan, which emanated from the Grand Lodge of Virginia. It will be enough if we mention that reference was made to the case of Grand Lodge of England, which "once agreed to apply for a charter of incorporation, and a bill was introduced into Parliament for that purpose, but no sooner was its pernicious tendency discovered than the united remonstrances of the brethren induced the then Deputy Grand Master, who was a member of the House of Commons, to move for its postponement *sine die*. The motion was agreed to, and the measure has not been revived."

Even a Grand Tyler has his difficulties to contend with, as will be seen from the following letter from Bro. Schnider, who held that important office, to the Grand Master, asking for advice under certain troublesome circumstances:

"Right Worshipful Grand Master,

"Your Grand Tyler respectfully begs leave to represent that on every St. John's Day he is in a very disagreeable situation, and without intention gives offence either to the new officers elect or to the old ones. Both are wanting the aprons and jewels of their office, and claim the right to represent the Grand Lodge for their respective Lodges for that day. The new Officers say that they are installed and their time begins on that day. The old Officers contend that they receive notices from the Grand Secretary to attend Grand Lodge, and not the Grand Officers elect; that the Grand Lodge does not know the new Officers until the Grand Lodge is opened, and the reports of the new Officers is read, consequently the time of the new Officers begins after the Grand Lodge is closed. I, therefore, humbly beg the R.W. Grand Lodge will please to decide which of the Officers has the right to wear the aprons and jewels on St. John's Day, and prevent further altercation on that day.

"I remain, with the greatest respect, R.W. Grand Master,

"Your very humble servant and Brother,

"WILLIAM SCHNIDER,

"Grand Tylor."

The consideration of this letter was deferred; but at the meeting on 15th October it was resolved, "That the new Officers of the different Lodges are entitled to wear their badges and represent their respective Lodges in Grand Lodge on the St. John's Day ensuing their election." At the meeting on the 2nd December a letter was read from Bro. James Milnor, requesting not to be re-appointed Dep. G. Master, and this time his wish was respected, Bro. Israel being re-elected Grand Master, and Bro. Fred. Wolbert elected Dep. G. Master, while Bro. Thomas Armstrong was elected Grand Treasurer This completes Part III. of the Minutes, which includes "A Paper read before the Rosicrucian Society of Philadelphia, by Charles E. Meyer, on Friday Evening, January 30th, 1880," and a list of Lodges in Pennsylvania, both vacated and defunct, from the beginning of Masonry in that State in 1730 till the present time. As, however, we have already said all that is necessary as to the Pennsylvania Freemasons' Hall, to which Bro. Meyer's excellent paper refers, we need not take any further notice of it. We are content with repeating our thanks for the copy forwarded us by the courtesy and with the compliments of Bro. C. E. Meyer.

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GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Meeting of Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday evening, 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Comps. S. Rawson, W. F. A. Powell and E. E. Wendt occupied the Principals' chairs. The other Officers present were Comps. J. A. Rucker P.S., R. F. Gould 1st Assistant, Frank Richardson 2nd Assistant, Shadwell H. Clerke S.E., Joshua Nunn S.N., Col. H. S. Somerville Burney G.S.B., and H. G. Buss Assistant S.E. There was a full attendance of the Comps. After the formal opening of the Grand Chapter, the following were announced as the Principals and Grand Officers for the year:—The Prince of Wales, K.G., Grand Z., the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.Z., the Earl of Lathom H., Lord de Tabley J., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke S.E., Montague Guest, M.P., S.N., Major Gen. H. Clerk, F.R.S., Principal Sojourner, Rev. Ambrose W. Hall 1st Assistant, J. Sampson Peirce 2nd Assistant, Lieut.-Col. John Creaton Treasurer, H. C. Levander Sword Bearer, Capt. A. Bott Cook Standard Bearer, Ralph Costa Director of Ceremonies, Wilhelm Ganz Organist, Henry Gustavus Buss Past Standard Bearer Assistant S.E., Henry Sadler Janitor. Capt. Rawson announced that the Prince of Wales would be pleased to confer on Col. Creaton the rank of P.G. Principal Sojourner. Charters were then granted for the following new Chapters:—The Marmaduke Ramsey Chapter 1722, Dugshai, Punjab, in the East Indies; the Royal Sussex Chapter 402, Nottingham; the United Chapter 1629, Freemasons' Hall, London; the Blair Chapter 815, Hulme, Manchester; the Commercial Chapter 411, Nottingham; the Chapter of Israel, 1502, Liverpool; the Cable Chapter, 1704, London; the Eastern Star Chapter 95, London; the Prosperity Chapter 65, London; the Masefield Chapter 617, Buenos Ayres. Comps. Colonel Creaton, Robert Grey, A. J. Duff-Filer, E. Letchworth, W. Stephens, H. C. Levander, W. H. Perryman, F. Adlard, and C. F. Hogard were appointed the Committee of General Purposes, and Grand Chapter was then closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SUSSEX.

ON Saturday afternoon, 23rd ult., a special meeting of this Chapter was held in the Music Room, Royal Pavilion, the most important feature of the gathering being the installation of Comp. Sir W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Z. 1466, as Grand Superintendent. There was a good attendance of brethren. The Installing Officer was the Most Ex. Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Scribe E., and the ceremony, unique in its character, was doubly interesting from the fact that it was the foundation of the Sussex Provincial Grand Chapter, and that Sir Walter W. Burrell held the proud position of being the first Grand Superintendent. At the conclusion of the ceremony the newly-installed G.S. appointed the other Principals (who were duly obligated), and invested his Officers, addressing them briefly on the nature of their duties, and pledging them to the performance of them. The Principals and Officers appointed were—Provincial Grand Principals Comps. John H. Scott as H. and G. W. King as J., V. F. Freeman Scribe E., W. R. Wood N., Dr. Trollope First Principal S., Woolley Second Principal S., Pidcock Third Principal S., J. Dixon Director of Ceremonies, St. Clair Smith Grand Sword Bearer, C. J. Smith Grand Standard Bearer, Gerard Ford Grand Registrar, Crosskey Treasurer, A. King Organist, and T. Hughes Janitor.

ZETLAND CHAPTER, No. 236.

The annual installation meeting of this Chapter was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at York. The Chapter was opened at 6 p.m., and the minutes having been read and a ballot taken for candidates, the installation of Principals was proceeded with. Comp. Joseph Todd P.Z. acted as installing Principal, assisted by Comp. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.Z., and the three chairs were filled as follows:—Comps. G. Balmford Z., J. M. Meek H., and A. Buckle J. The Officers then took their chairs as follow:—Comps. G. Kirby S.E., M. Rooke S.N., W. H. Gainforth P.S., W. Draper 1st A.S., S. Border 2nd A.S., J. Todd P.Z. Treas., T. J. Hodgson Org., J. S. Rymer D.C., W. Smith and William Nicholson Stewards, J. Redfare Janitor. Three exaltations took place, and a sum of ten guineas was voted to the list of Comp. Todd, who will be a Steward at the approaching Girls' Festival. After the close of the Chapter the members met at supper, and the usual toasts were duly honoured. Amongst those present during the evening were:—Comps. Sir James Meek P.Z., T. B. Whytehead P.Z., J. S. Cumberland Z. 1611, Rev. W. Valentine, T. W. Wilson, J. Fairburn, T. S. Camidge, C. Waistell, O. Robinson, G. Cattell, J. Young and E. J. de Salis.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The usual meeting of the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement was held on Tuesday evening, 3rd May, at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill. Present—Comps. Lardner Z., R. Payne H., J. Payne J., W. Fraser N., Sayer P.S., also Comps. Maidwell, Darcy, Edmonds, Goodchild, Veal, Dottridge, Daniels, G. Brown, Sayer, Chicken, J. S. Fraser, Steingrober, Turner, Walker, Massa, Turquand, Taylor, Brasted, Kirke, Gillard, and F. Brown S.E. Preceptor. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Gillard being the candidate. Comp. Daniels, of the New Concord Chapter, 813, was elected a member. The following Officers were elected for the next fortnight:—R. Payne Z., J. Payne H., Chicken J., Gillard N., Maidwell P.S. It was announced that Comp. Turquand, M.E.Z. of the Stockwell Chapter, 1339, and Hornsey, 890, will rehearse the ceremony of installation of Principals on Tuesday, the 17th of May, at

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six o'clock punctually, after which, at half-past six o'clock, the usual exaltation ceremony will be rehearsed. As this is probably the last time, during the present season, that this important rite will be gone through here, it is to be hoped that there will be a goodly muster of Royal Arch Masons to support Comp. Turquand, and particularly P.Z.'s, so as to render the gathering one that shall maintain the high reputation of this supreme Chapter of Improvement, which has undoubtedly been the school of the most distinguished Royal Arch Masons of the present time. The Chapter was closed and adjourned until Tuesday evening, 10th May, at half-past six o'clock.

Panmure Chapter, No. 720.—The Principals for the ensuing year in this Chapter will be installed at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Monday, the 9th inst., at 5 p.m. The Principals elect are Ex-Comps. R. N. Field as M.E.Z., Samuel Poynter as H., and Thomas Meggy as J. Ex. Comp. James Stevens P.Z. and Scribe E. of the Chapter will undertake the installation ceremony; a full report of the proceedings connected with which will appear in our next issue.

Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.—The regular meeting of the above flourishing Lodge was held on the 27th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Air-street, Regent-street. Bros. S. V. Abrahams W.M., M. Levy S.W., G. T. Mann as J.W., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., L. Jacobs Treas., M. Leverton S.D., L. Lazarus as I.G., N. Vallentine Steward. P.M.'s Bros. L. J. Salomons, Grunebaum. Visitors—G. Short 1766, Pennefather P.M. 1623, Chapman 289, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. After the Lodge had been opened and the minutes confirmed, a ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Arthur Solomons, and that gentleman was duly initiated into the Order. Bros. Lindsay Sloper and Levi having satisfactorily answered the usual questions, were passed to the second degree. From the fact that the W.M. has previously filled the chair in this, and is likewise a P.M. of another Lodge, we need scarcely say the work was well performed. The Secretary announced that Bro. Lindsay Sloper and Bro. A. Solomons had each given the sum of 21s to the Benevolent Fund. The W.M. thanked the members for their kind letter of condolence sent him on his recent domestic bereavement. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent supper, provided by Bro. Nicols. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, and alluded to the advent of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who had been that day re-installed as M.W.G.M. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. responded for the Grand Officers. The W.M. in proposing the health of the Initiate, said it was a great pleasure to introduce him into the Order, as he felt assured he would be with them as a brother, and be held in the same respect Masonically as in private life. The Worshipful Master would ask the brethren to drink the toast heartily. Bro. Solomons in replying said he hoped that the remarks of the W.M. would be eventually carried out. He should endeavour in every way to perfect himself and strive to gain their esteem by following in the footsteps of those brethren who had proposed and seconded him. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Visitors, who severally responded, and deservedly complimented the W.M. for his excellent working. Bro. L. J. Salomons P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. He could not find words to express how efficiently he had performed every duty required of him; he had endeared himself to the brethren in and out of the Lodge, and he hoped he might be spared many years to be among them. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Salomans for his kind expressions, and the brethren for the warm manner in which they had responded. It afforded him great and heartfelt satisfaction to hear it said he had done his duty. The toast of the P.M.'s followed; the brethren had seen how ably the I.P.M. had done his duty; Bro. Albert was a bright and shining light, not only here, but also in Grand Lodge. With the toast the W.M. would couple the name of Bro. Grunebaum, who very ably responded. After one or two more toasts the brethren separated.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at the George Hotel, Australian-avenue, Barbican, on Monday, 2nd May, at seven p.m. Present—Bros. Fitch W.M., Caton S.W., Nell J.W., Gush Preceptor, Fox Secretary, Wing Treasurer, Brown S.D., Pelican J.D., Herridge I.G., and several other brethren. Lodge was opened with usual formalities. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Collison acting as candidate. Bro. Fox worked the first, second, and third sections, and Bro. Tate the fourth, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Drysdale of Lodge 1766 was elected a member of this Lodge. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till Monday next at the hour of seven o'clock. Lodge will meet in future at seven instead of eight o'clock as heretofore.

Faith Lodge of Instruction, No. 141.—A meeting was held on the 3rd instant, at 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W. Present—Bros. Glover W.M., Skirving S.W., Bruce J.W., Bassington Honorary Secretary, Bloxom S.D., Cleaver J.D., Edwards I.G.; Past Masters Bros. Perceval, Stephens, Hunt, Dairy, Rhodes; also Bros. Cross, MacMullen, Alberga, Solbé, Swain, Allison, A. Perceval, Collins, and Beasley. Lodge opened in due form and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Allison candidate. The first and second sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Stephens. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed till Tuesday next, 9th inst., at seven o'clock, when the ceremonies of Consecration and Installation will be rehearsed by Bro. James Terry P.P.G.J.W. Herts. Brethren are invited to attend.

Candour Lodge, No. 337.—This Lodge held its first meeting in the New Masonic Rooms, High-street, Upper Mill, on Wednesday, the 13th ult. It is intended to hold and celebrate the Festival of St. John on the next regular Lodge night, 13th May. The Lodge meetings will in future be held in the above rooms, and not in the Commercial Inn, as heretofore. The brethren have built a plain, substantial building: Dining room, 12 yards by 8 yards; Lodge room over, 12 yards by 8 yards; ante-room, 15 feet by 15 feet; additional ante-room, 13 feet 6 in. by 9 feet; lavatory, refreshment bar, man's house, kitchen and four bed rooms, spacious entrance hall—all fitted up with gas and water, with requisite cooking arrangements. The furnishing has been done by private subscription among the members, independent of the building fund. It is expected that the outlay, including crockery, glasses, cutlery, tables, chairs, forms, cupboards, building, all complete, will be under £1000. In the front of the building is a stone, upon which is carved a variety of Masonic emblems, the work of Bro. B. B. Bradshaw, who is a Mason and sculptor by profession, so that the operative and speculative are combined in him. He is now the I.P.M., Bro. Samuel Robinson being the W.M.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Polak W.M., Clark S.W., Christian J.W., Catling S.D., Edwards J.D., Carr I.G., Lorkin Secretary, Brasted acting Preceptor; also Bros. Wardell, Boyce, Forss, Clark, Glass, Dignam, and others. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Glass acting as candidate. Bro. J. Lorkin worked the first, second and third sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Cushing of Lodge 1607, and Pearson of Lodge 453, were elected members. Bro. T. Clark was elected W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed his Officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, 1612.—Meeting held at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 28th April. Present—Bros. J. Green W.M., G. Coop S.W., W. Seward J.W., F. Smith I.G., J. Wells Sec., A. Jones S.D., P.M. Andrews J.D., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, C. O. Walter. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read, confirmed and signed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. C. O. Walter candidate. Lodge was closed to first degree, and Bro. H. E. Tucker read a letter from Bro. Captain Wilson, at Cape Coast Castle, thanking the brethren of this Lodge for their good wishes. It was unanimously agreed that the letter be recorded on the minutes. Bro. G. Coop was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

CONCERT AT PLYMOUTH.

THE concert at the Plymouth Guildhall on Wednesday evening was a grand success, the attendance having in view the counter attractions, exceeding expectation, and although the prices of admission were exceptionally low, the Devon and Cornwall Educational Fund will undoubtedly receive a welcome addition to its finances. Mr. John Hele, Mus. Bac., who has been indefatigable in his endeavours to make the event a profitable one in the interests of the Fund, must indeed be proud of the result. Although such well-known names as Messrs. Rendle, Jarvis, Morris, Fly, and Wickenden were announced, the centre of interest was naturally Miss Clara Dowle, whose reputation had preceded her. Rarely is such a voice as Miss Dowle's heard in the Hall, and the audience testified their appreciation of her rare abilities in the rendering of "I cannot say Good-bye," by a loud and deafening *encore*. "It was a Dream" was sung with the same sweetness and force by Miss Dowle, but, upon a demand being made for its repetition, the lady re-appeared, and acknowledged the compliment, retiring, however, without fulfilling the evident desire of the audience—an act which we were glad to notice. "The Friar of Orders Grey," by Mr. Jarvis; "The Brothers," by Messrs. Barter and Rendle; "The Vicar of Bray," by Mr. J. Rendle; and "The Vagabond," by Mr. Morris, went capitally, in one or two instances an *encore* being asked for. Mr. J. Fly—who, by the way, leaves the town shortly for Torquay—played a cornet solo, "La Neige," manipulating his instrument with his usual ability, and, in reply to a unanimous and hearty demand, made the building echo with the strains of "Scots Awa' where Wallace Bled." Two part songs—"Down in a Flow'ry Vale," and "Friendship"—rendered by the male vocalists, concluded the first part. A treat was in store for the audience in the second part—no less than seven selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera, "H.M.S. Pinafore." But for Mr. Hele, the audience would not have had the pleasure of listening to this delightful music. Despite the fact that at first the permission of Mr. R. D'Oyly Carte to the introduction of "H.M.S. Pinafore" appeared insurmountable, Mr. Hele persevered, and succeeded in meeting with Mr. D'Oyly Carte's sanction to the selections being rendered. The audience was more than pleased with the bright and sparkling "Pinafore" music, and when it is stated that Mr. Hele only had the choir together three times, the result is the more to be wondered at. The chorus numbered thirty—ladies and gentlemen. Mr. Barter showed to great advantage, whilst Mr. Rendle, as the "Captain of the Pinafore," who "never used a big, big d——," was exceedingly good. Miss Dowle pathetically rendered "Sorry her Lot," and met with the sympathetic applause of her listeners. A similar concert will probably take place in the course of a few days in aid of the same Fund.—*Western Daily Mercury*, 5th May.

The Band of the Sunday League will commence playing in the Regent's Park on the 15th of May. Bro Hiram Henton has been re-appointed Conductor.

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Obituary.

THE LATE BRO. JOHN COUTTS, P.G.P.

IT is with very great regret that we announce the death, at Bournemouth, on Tuesday, the 3rd instant, of Bro. John Coutts, a Past Grand Pursuivant of England, at the comparatively early age of fifty-three. Our deceased brother had highly distinguished himself as a Craftsman, and was beloved and respected for the many admirable qualities he possessed by all who had the privilege of being acquainted with him. Bro. Coutts first saw the Light of Masonry in a Scotch Lodge, and joined our Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, on the 7th of May 1861. Thus, had he survived till to-day, he would have lived to complete a connection with English Craft Masonry of exactly twenty years. In due course our worthy brother rose to fill the chair of his Lodge, and so admirably did he discharge his duties as Worshipful Master, that he was elected for a second time, the full period of his Mastership extending over the years 1867 and 1868. He was also a Founder and first Worshipful Master of the following Lodges, namely:—the Harrow Lodge, No. 1310, Harrow, in 1870; Ebury Lodge, No. 1348, in 1871; the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, Chislehurst, in 1875; the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, in 1876. His merits indeed were so generally appreciated, that in 1870 he was appointed Grand Pursuivant, and he had also filled the office of Prov. Grand Deacon Middlesex. His career in Royal Arch Masonry may be said to have been equally conspicuous. He was exalted in the Domatic Chapter, No. 177, in 1863, and was a P.Z. thereof. He joined the Royal Union Chapter, No. 382, Uxbridge, in April 1864. In 1871 he became a Founder of the Royal Middlesex Chapter, No. 1194, and in 1875 he joined the Ebury Chapter, No. 1368, as a Founder and first M.E.Z. He was likewise a member of the Premier Conclave of the Order of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine. But this is far from representing the sum of his Masonic achievements. He was a Life Governor and Annual Subscriber to each of our Masonic Institutions. He had twice filled the office of Steward to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and both our Boys' and Girls' Schools had been served by him in a similar capacity. Had his life been prolonged, there would seem to be little, if any, reason to doubt that our Institutions would have been still further and more liberally, though not more willingly, supported. A career such as we have described would do honour to any member of the Craft, and it must be a great consolation to the relatives and friends of our deceased brother to know that few members of the Craft in England were more deservedly esteemed. It remains for us to offer our respectful sympathy to his family and friends in their bereavement, and to state that the funeral will take place on Monday next, at the City of London Tower Hamlets Cemetery, Bow.

MR. ERNEST SEYD.

It is our painful duty to record this week the unexpected death, at the early age of fifty-one years, of Mr. Ernest Seyd, of the firm of Seyd and Co., of Lombard-street, the author of several important works on questions connected with the Currency. Mr. Seyd had gone over to Paris to attend the Monetary Congress there assembled, when he was overtaken by an attack of congestion of the brain, to which he succumbed, after a brief period of suffering. Mr. Seyd had given evidence before Committees of the House of Commons on several of the subjects on which he was acknowledged to be an authority, and that evidence had been not unfruitful of good on several of the monetary questions of the day. Among the numerous books and pamphlets, of which he was the author, must be mentioned the following, namely: "California and its Resources," Trübner and Co., London, 1858; "On the Establishment of an Anglo-Californian Bank and a Refinery of the Precious Metals in San Francisco"—for private issue—London, 1868; "Bullion and Foreign Exchanges Theoretically and Practically Considered," Effingham Wilson, Royal Exchange, London, 1868; "The Question of Seignorage and Charge for Coining," Effingham Wilson, 1868; "The Depreciation of Labour and Property which would follow the Demonetisation of Silver," London, W. W. Morgan, 1869; "Letters to the *Times*"—see the "Gold Coinage Controversy," republished by the Bank of England, 1869; "Universal Coinage and Variations in Foreign Exchanges"—read before the Statistical Society; "Enquête sur la Question Monetaire," published by the French Government; "On the Currency Laws, and their effects on Pauperism," read before the Statistical Society, 1871; "Die Münz-Währungs und Bankfragen in Deutschland," Bädeker, Elberfeld (Prussia), 1871; "Suggestions in reference to the Metallic Currency of the Unites States of America," London, Trübner & Co., 1871. The premature death of Mr. Seyd is to be greatly regretted, as it leaves a gap in the ranks of those writers who treat of these important questions, which it will be very difficult to fill up. We experience the greater sense of satisfaction in offering this slight but sincere and respectful tribute of sympathy with the family of the deceased, because for many years we had a personal acquaintance with him, and not only that, we took a considerable part in the printing and publication of several of his works. We always found him as prompt and particular in his business engagements as he was genial and kind in his private and personal relations.

At the request of several of our friends we have republished, in pamphlet form, our Analysis of the Stewards' Lists at the recent Festival of the Benevolent Institution. We have also added the Tabular Statement that appeared in the columns of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, shewing the amounts contributed by the several Provinces during the years 1875-1881, both inclusive. Stewards who may desire to circulate this pamphlet can obtain copies (2s the dozen, or 12s per 100) from our publisher.

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GIBRALTAR.

Mark Masonry.—One of the most interesting ceremonies ever presented to the brethren on the Rock took place at the Masonic Hall, Horse Barrack-lane, on Tuesday, the 26th ultimo, when the Mediterranean Mark Lodge, No. 278, was consecrated, in the presence of a large number of brethren, by Worshipful Brother Thomas J. Pulley P.M. P.G.S. England, P.P.G.S.O. Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Provincial Grand Secretary Berks and Oxon, &c. The following brethren attended and assisted in the ceremonies:—Charles Johnson Worshipful Master Designate, C. W. Moore-Keys S.W. Designate, W. F. Cottrell J.W. Designate, T. J. Pulley P.M. 54, &c., J. Cunningham P.M. 43, E. Barker P.M. 43, W. MacLean P.M. 3½ (S.C.), J. J. R. Morgan P.M. 43, A. Ross P.M. 325 (I.C.), E. D. Bacon W.M. 43, Broster White S.W. 43, W. Glassford P.S.W. 43, J. Button J.W. 43, J. King P.J.W. 43, J. C. Phillips M.O. 43, J. McInerney S.O. 43, G. Lane J.O. 43, C. Mortimer J.O. Broadley Lodge, W. H. Allen Secretary 43, W. Tait R.M. 43, P. Lyons S.D. 43, F. Crompton I.G. 43, D. S. Miller I.G. 607 (S.C.); and Bros. Roberts, Banks, Russell, Blake, Howard, Serfarty, Azopadi, all of 43; Crozier 54, Dumaresq 74, Henderson, McLaren 160, Glass Broadley Lodge, T. Evans 325 (I.C.), and others. The brethren commenced to assemble in the ante-room at 6 o'clock, and at 6.30 a procession was formed, under the direction of W. Bro. Bacon W.M. Gibraltar Lodge, No. 43,—who had kindly acceded to the request of the Consecrating Officer to act as Director of Ceremonies,—and entered the Lodge room, which had been elaborately and carefully prepared for the occasion. The presiding Officer having assumed the chair, supported on the dais by the Past Masters present, he requested the Officers of the Gibraltar Lodge, No. 43, to assist him in the working of the ceremonies, and they at once took their places in the various chairs. The Secretary pro tem, Bro. W. Cottrell, then read the patent of the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master, authorising and requesting Bro. Pulley to advance candidates, consecrate the Lodge, and instal the Worshipful Master Designate, Bro. Charles Johnson, after which a Lodge was opened in due form and order, the opening Anthem being beautifully rendered by Bro. C. W. Moore-Keys Acting Organist and a well trained choir of brethren, under the direction of Bro. W. H. Cottrell. A ballot was then taken for the following brethren:—The Rev. W. H. Bullock, J. H. Bryant, G. D. Twigg, J. S. Langdon, H. J. Campbell, H. C. Schott, W. F. Roberts, R. S. Ireland, L. Cohen, and H. W. Carden, which proved unanimous in their favour. Bros. Bullock, Bryant, Langdon, and Schott, being in attendance, were then advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M. by the presiding Officer, the interesting ceremony being performed in the most perfect and impressive manner, every Officer performing his allotted part in the proceedings with studied care and attention, the orchestral and vocal portion adding great effect, the various anthems being beautifully rendered by Bro. Bacon W.M. 43. The Lodge was then called off, in order to prepare the room for the ceremony of consecration, and the brethren having re-assembled, the solemn and impressive ceremony was conducted by the Consecrating Officer in a manner which will not readily be forgotten by those who were present, the whole of the proceedings being witnessed with rapt attention from beginning to end. The elements of consecration were borne by four Past Masters, viz., Bros. Cunningham, Morgan, Barker, and McLean, and the Lodge was incensed to the honour and glory of the G.O.O.T.U. by the Acting Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. W. H. Bullock, who also offered the Consecration Prayer in a very impressive manner. The four corners of the Lodge having been duly honoured by the Consecrating Officer, he then summoned the Founders and new members of the Lodge to appear in the North and South, and proceeded to dedicate and constitute the Lodge. The brethren having resumed their places, Brother Pulley again ascended the throne, and the Worshipful Master Designate, Bro. Charles Johnson, was presented by Wor. Brother Bacon W. Master 43, for the benefit of installation, and after being suitably addressed by the Presiding Officer, and satisfactorily answering the necessary questions, the brethren below the degree of Installed Master in the Mark degree were requested to withdraw, and a board of Installed Masters was opened, and Brother Johnson was duly installed in the chair of A. in accordance with ancient custom. The brethren were then re-admitted, and, having rendered the customary homage to the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Johnson was duly proclaimed and saluted. The Installing Master then presented the W.M. with the working tools, and in entrusting him with the Warrant of the Lodge expressed his high sense of the honour which had been conferred upon him by the M.W.G.M.M. in being selected by him to convey the all-important document direct to the W.M.'s charge, and also expressed the earnest hope that it would be handed down by the W.M. to his successor, and thenceforward, for many generations, pure and unsullied as he then received it. The W.M. having accepted the trust reposed in him, then appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. C. Johnson W.M., T. J. Haynes I.P.M., C. W. Moore-Keys S.W., W. F. Cottrell J.W., W. Howard M.O., B. R. Croizer S.O., A. H. Dumaresq J.O., J. H. Bryant S.D., W. F. Roberts Secretary, Rev. W. H. Bullock Chaplain, J. S. Langdon R. of Marks, J. A. Speed Treasurer, G. D. Twigg I.G., J. Peterken O G. The Installing Master then delivered the Addresses to the W.M., Wardens, Overseers, and brethren, in well chosen language, and resumed his seat at the left of the W.M.; amidst tokens of approbation from all the brethren present. The W.M. then rose and proposed that a vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. Pulley for his kindness in coming out from England to consecrate the Lodge, and for the careful and impressive manner in which he had conducted the whole of the interesting proceedings. This being carried by acclamation, it was ordered by the W.M. to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Pulley was then elected an honorary member of the Lodge, and expressed his thanks for the honour which had been conferred upon him, and then proceeded to propose a cordial vote of thanks to the W.M. and Officers of the Gibraltar Lodge, No. 43, for the very kind and efficient manner in which they had assisted in the ceremonies, and especially tendered his thanks to the W.M. Bro. Bacon for the invaluable assistance which he had rendered as Acting G.D. of C. This also being carried by acclamation was ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Bacon then responded, and expressed the great pleasure it had given him and all the Officers of his Lodge to assist upon the auspicious occasion; they would at all times gladly do anything in their power to forward the interests of the new Lodge. "Hearty good wishes" having been tendered, the Lodge was closed in ancient form and with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where a most *récherché* banquet awaited them, due justice being accorded to the various good things on the table after the lengthened ceremonies in the Lodge. The usual Mark Masons' toasts received due attention, and the proceedings were enlivened by some excellent songs from Bros. Cottrell, Moore-Keys, Bryant, Bacon, Pulley, Roberts and others. Altogether the proceedings were a marked success, and too much praise cannot be given to the Acting-Secretary Bro. H. Cottrell for the care and attention given by him to all the arrangements, which were simply perfect, not a single hitch occurring from beginning to end. It is worthy of note that the number of the Lodge is, by a singular coincidence, the same as that of the Craft Lodge and Chapter, to which it is attached, viz., 278.

A MOST successful ball, given by the combined Masonic Lodges of Gibraltar, took place on the 27th April, at the Theatre Royal. Dancing was announced to commence at nine o'clock, but long before that hour the boxes were filled by a large number of the fair sex, while the brethren in their quaint and handsome Masonic clothing were assembling in the ball room for the procession, and reception of the District Grand Master. A Freemasons' ball is always a most noticeable object, from the variety of the different costumes belonging to the several Orders, and the jewels and ornaments, all of which possess a mystical meaning not known to the uninitiated, and last night it was even more so than usual from the very great taste displayed in the decorations of the ball room and staircases and their great variety. The general groundwork of the colours employed was red and white, in broad stripes, producing a very rich effect, and the general idea of the ornamentation of the ball room was a series of Moorish arches in the same colours around the proscenium and tiers of boxes, while mirrors, flowers, pictures, mottoes, arms, &c., all lent their aid in producing a most charming effect, which was generally and deservedly admired. The roof of the theatre was tented in full rows of red and white, and the whole effect was excellent, and reflects great credit on those charged with the important duty of preparing a fitting and tasteful ball room for the many guests who had received invitations. The actual work of the decorations was taken in hand by Bro. Peso, and very well indeed it was carried out. At a quarter past nine the District Grand Matter Bro. Cornwell, accompanied by the Deputy District Grand Master Bro. Major Gilbard, arrived, and was conducted in due form to the ball room, where the brethren were drawn up in two lines and passing between these, to the music of the Grand Masonic March, the D.G.M. was received at the lower end by Bro. Ross P.M., President of the Ball Committee, who, in a short and very appropriate speech, heartily welcomed the District Grand Master to the combined ball in the name of the givers of the entertainment; and also the distinguished brethren who accompanied him (Bros. Major Gilbard D.D.G.M., Rev. R. Patterson Past D.G.M. for Manitoba, and T. J. Pulley P.M. I.G. Mark Steward from England). The District Grand Master briefly tendered his thanks, and after the

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National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" had been played by the band, declared the ball opened, when dancing immediately commenced and was continued with the greatest spirit till 4·30 in the morning. The Calpe band supplied the music. Freemasons' balls are always some of the most popular amusements given in Gibraltar, and the one of last night will bear the most favourable comparison with any which has gone before. All the arrangements were excellent, nothing was omitted by the Managing Committee which could either give *éclat* to the entertainment or add to the comfort and amusement of the guests, and it must be a great source of satisfaction to them, and indeed to all the subscribers (of whom we hear there were nearly 150), that their efforts were so successful and, of course, so thoroughly appreciated. The total number present was 450. The Committee of Management was composed as under:—Bros. Alexander Ross P.M. President; White P.M. 153, G. Lane 153, E. J. Barker P.M. 153, C. Johnson P.M. 278, Moore-Keys J.W. 278, J. Wink W.M. 576, P. Adair Secretary 576, E. Silva W.M. 576 and Sec. 115, A. Ferrary 576, F. Franceri P.M. D.G. Sec., N. Bassadone 325, Fromow 325, Stewards.—*Gibraltar Chronicle, 28th April* 1881.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 133.

THE installation meeting was held on Monday, 2nd instant, at the Minor Hall of the Faversham Institute, Faversham, Kent. Among those present were Bros. W. H. Drake W.M., F. W. Underdown S.W., Rev. F. C. Jagg J.D., Stapleton Payn J.W., J. W. Penton P.M. Secretary; P.M.'s F. F. Girand, Henry Bathurst, F. A. Gange, F. A. Whiting, E. Hogben, George French, Richard Griggs; Visitors—Bros. C. Drawbridge W.M. 20, S. Varren W.M. 184, M. J. Sullivan W.M. 158, R. J. E. Brown I.G. 158, R. R. Hall P.M. 709, H. J. Piper W.M. 503, J. Kenwick W.M. 1209 P.P.G.S.B. Kent, George Page P.M. P.P.G.J.D. 1209, F. C. Bugler 709, T. Davy, W. A. Rudd I.P.M. 186, H. W. Poole W.M. 709 P.P.G. Sup. Works Kent, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, &c., &c. Beyond the installation of the W.M., Bros. F. W. Underdown, there was no business to take up the time of the members, who assembled at three o'clock, when Lodge was opened by Bro. W. H. Drake, who conducted the ceremony of the day. Bro. P.M. Griggs efficiently acted as Director of Ceremonies. After the W.M. had been saluted in the three degrees, he invested the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. Stapleton Payn S.W., Rev. F. C. Jagg J.W., F. A. Gange P.M. Treasurer, J. W. Penton P.M. Secretary, E. J. Acworth S.D., Alfred Greey J.D., G. H. J. Rogers I.G., R. Griggs P.M. D.C., John E. Cook Tyler. The addresses to Master, Wardens, and Brethren were delivered by Past Master Griggs, and then on motion made by P.M. Bro. Gange, seconded by P.M. Bro. Longhurst, the thanks of the members were voted to the I.P.M. for services rendered during the year, the same to be recorded on the minutes. A like compliment was paid Bro. Griggs, for the assistance he had given in the work of the day, and after hearty good wishes had been tendered by the visiting brethren, Lodge was closed. An adjournment then took place to the Ship Hotel, where a capital banquet was served by Bro. Hogben. On removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, with which toast he would couple the sentiment, "Prosperity to the Craft." He was reminded, he said, by his own age, of the time Her Majesty had reigned over the people of this country. It certainly had not been an uneventful period. Railways and steam had brought about wondrous changes, and telegraphic communication had become an absolute necessity. Added to this, the telephone was becoming an essential requisite of every day life. Surely, then, it could not be denied this was an age of progress, and it might be said that the progress applied especially to Freemasonry. Monarchs in every age had done their best to advance it. And now for an application of his remarks to the toast. Her Majesty may fairly be considered a promoter of Freemasonry, inasmuch as she is the mother of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, while two other of her sons take a lively interest in the doings of the Craft. The toast was most heartily received, and the National Anthem was sung. In giving the second toast—the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales—Bro. Underdown said the Grand Master performed the duties in a manner eminently satisfactory, and considering the many public duties he has to perform. It must always be remembered that of late years Her Majesty had preferred retirement, and as a consequence heavy responsibilities devolved upon the Heir Apparent. Therefore, Freemasons could but be gratified at the sustained interest His Royal Highness took in the doings of the Craft. The next toast—the Right Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon—was entrusted to Rev. Bro. Syrce, who in humorous terms drew attention to the many qualities of the noble Earl. Bro. P.M. Gange next had the gavel handed to him, and he gave the health of the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, Past and Present. As regards the working of the Grand Lodge of England, we in the Provinces are content to know that it gives universal satisfaction to Masons generally. The Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, does his duty in a most earnest and thoroughly consistent way, and it cannot therefore be wondered at that he is one of the most popular men in the country. Bro. Girand proposed the health of the Prov. G.M. of Kent, Lord Holmesdale. He had presided over them for several years, and had always taken a deep interest in the Lodges of his Province. He had made personal visits, and at all times exerted himself for the advancement of the Craft. The next toast—the Very Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present—was given by the W.M. Bro. Underdown regretted the absence of Bro. Eastes; an absence that was occasioned by a domestic affliction, which one and all must regret. In calling upon those present to honour the toast, the W.M. spoke of the zeal displayed by the Deputy P.G. Master in all that pertained to Freemasonry in the Province of Kent. Bro. Thorp, Grand Treasurer, observed that after the kind remarks of the previous speaker, he rose with regret at the absence of the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, which, however, had been satisfactorily accounted for. For himself, as Treasurer, he had now got used to the duties, and he trusted it might be many years ere his association with the Province of Kent, an association which had descended to him from his father, was brought to a termination. He feared he had omitted to refer to many matters that might have given pleasure to those assembled, but he was not unmindful of many happy incidents in connection with the Lodge of Harmony, where it was gratifying to know the P.M.'s took such interest in their Lodge as to make a point of installing their successors. There had been a time when it was considered necessary to go to London for a brother to conduct the ceremony of installation. However, the way Bro. Drake had carried out the proceedings of the day evidenced this course of procedure was no longer requisite. The next toast, the health of the W.M., was entrusted to P.M. Bro. Penton, who, as Secretary of the Lodge, had worked under several Masters. Bro. Underdown brought with him many qualifications, and all who had listened to the remarks he gave utterance to when investing his Officers that day might rest assured he was thoroughly impressed with the knowledge and requirements necessary to the ruler of a Lodge. He (Bro. Penton) had great pleasure in submitting the toast. The W.M., in reply, thanked the members for the heartiness they had accorded to the sentiments expressed by Bro. Past Master Penton; he was compelled by the exigencies of the train service, on which many of their Visitors were dependent, to curtail his remarks. Before sitting down, he would give the toast of the Visitors, to whom, on behalf of the Lodge, he tendered a cordial welcome. With the toast he would associate the name of Bro. Poole P.M. The remaining toasts comprised the Past Masters, given by Bro. Drake, and responded to by Bro. Bathurst; the Installing Master, given by Bro. Gange; the Wardens; the Junior Officers, the latter ably responded to by Bro. E. J. Acworth. With the toast of the Press was associated the name of Bro. W. W. Morgan, who gave some statistics of the amounts contributed by the several Provinces to our Masonic Institutions, and who drew attention to the fact that in respect of contributions during the last seven years to the Benevolent Institution, Kent stood No. 3 on the List, as regards the amount taken up by its several Stewards. The proceedings throughout were of a most agreeable character, and the W.M. and brethren of the Harmony Lodge may be congratulated on the success of this their annual gathering. During the evening some capital songs and recitations were given.

SELWYN LODGE, No. 1901.

AN Emergency meeting of this newly-consecrated Lodge was held on Thursday, 5th instant, at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, for the purpose of formally accepting the joining members and initiates who were proposed at the first meeting, and for the transaction of other business. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. H. Hook, who was supported by Bros. Linscott S.W., Dr. Nicod J.W., Barnett S.D., Powles J.D., Marcus I.G., Bellis as Sec., and Bro. Brooke P.M. 1839, as P.M., &c. The summons convening the meeting having being read, the Bye-laws were brought forward and agreed to, after which the ballot was taken for Bros. Bellis 1297, Forge 619, Mussered 188, Ball 431, Winter 177, Batchelor 147, Le Quesne 877, 958, P.P.G.D.C. Jersey, Sayer 1475, Gauntlett 1853, Davies 177, Gurney 1475, Campbell 1329, and Bullimore 840, as joining members, and resulted in their favour in each case. The names of five gentlemen proposed for initiation were then submitted, viz., Messrs. R. E Anderson, A. F. Grainger, W. Bosher, G. T. Acock, and C. W. Acock, and here also the ballot was unanimous in favour of their reception. They were each in turn initiated, the W.M. performing the ceremony in a most satisfactory manner, and making, we think, a lasting impression on the newly-admitted brethren. Bro. Brooke was proposed as an honorary member of the Lodge and accepted; after which the W.M. appointed Bro. Bellis as Secretary, Bros. Mussered and Bullimore as Stewards, and Bro. Grainger as Organist. The choice of the brethren in the matter of Treasurer fell on Bro. Forge, who after being invested, expressed the pleasure he felt in being thus honoured by the members of the Lodge. The names of some candidates were handed in, and then Lodge was closed, the brethren afterwards enjoying refreshment, under the presidency of the W.M. The customary toasts followed. The W.M., in giving the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, said he had had the pleasure of seeing the Grand Master in Grand Lodge, and the way in which he there performed the duties of his office convinced him that he was a good Mason and a man of whom they could but be proud. Bro. Smith proposed the toast of the Worshipful Master. He considered himself as being in somewhat of an anomalous position, not really being a member of the Lodge, he had to propose the health of the Master. He had felt a great pleasure, and taken a great interest in the formation of the Selwyn Lodge, and therefore felt, in a measure, capable of proposing the toast. As they had been told by brethren high in position in the Craft, they ought to be proud of having such a Mason as Bro. Hook at the head of the Lodge. It required a man of ability and a man of some tact to carry out successfully the work of forming a Lodge in the metropolis at the present time. Bro. Hook was admirably suited for the work. The way in which the proceedings had so far progressed was ample evidence, if any was required, of this. He was confident that at the termination of his year of office Bro. Hook would leave the Lodge in a far better position than some were that had been many years in existence. Bro. Hook tendered his thanks. He hoped he should deserve all the good things that had been said of him. He had felt it a great pleasure and a great honour to be associated in the foundation of the Selwyn Lodge. As regarded the amount of work in connection

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with it, he looked upon all he had done as amply repaid when he saw what a successful start theirs had been. He had pleasure in working for the Lodge, particularly as he was sure that all who were associated with it had determined to make it a success. That evening had indeed been a proud one for them all—to make five new members, and accept thirteen joining members, was indeed a satisfactory record for their first meeting, and now that the Lodge had made so good a start he could only hope that it would continue to prosper. He then proposed the health of the Initiates. They had that night enlisted into their crew five gentlemen—who if not exactly able bodied seamen, were most certainly able minded Masons. He was quite sure they were men of the right sort, and members of whom any Lodge might be proud. The class of men who were wanted as initiates for Freemasonry were men of integrity and uprightness, and men of true heart; whenever they were about to admit new members they should bear those facts in mind, and act accordingly. He hoped the lesson the initiates had heard that night had been of benefit to them, and trusted their reception into Freemasonry had been such as to make a lasting impression on their minds. Each of the new members responded. Bro. Anderson expressed his pleasure at joining. The way in which he had that night been received had made a lasting impression on his mind, one that was not likely to fade until the day of his death. He had thoroughly enjoyed the proceedings, and hoped he would ever be a credit to the Lodge. Bro. Grainger also expressed his pleasure. He was doubly honoured at receiving from the hands of the Master his appointment as Organist of the Lodge. He hoped to do honour to the position. Bro. Bosher considered it truly a red letter day of his life. He heartily thanked the brethren for receiving him. He should always do all that lay in his power for Freemasonry, and hoped to be a good member among them for many years to come. He was truly gratified at having selected the Selwyn Lodge in which to join the Craft. Bro. G. T. Acock hoped he might long remain a member of the Lodge and be a credit to the Craft, which he had long wished to join. Bro. C. W. Acock followed in similar terms. He had little idea that the initiation ceremony was anything so solemn as that he had gone through that night. He should at all times do anything he could to support the Lodge. The W.M. now proposed the health of the Visitors. This was a toast he hoped would always be proposed in the Selwyn Lodge in the heartiest way. He trusted the members would always extend the right hand of fellowship, and that on all future occasions they would offer a hearty welcome to visitors. Each of the guests responded, after which a compliment was paid to the Officers—the health of the Treasurer and Secretary being united with the toast. Bros. S.W., Treasurer, and Secretary, replied, and the proceedings terminated.

We have been asked to publish the Oration given by Bro. the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall at the Consecration of this Lodge, and have much pleasure in complying with the request. Bro. Hall said:—

On laying the foundation stone of any building, or at the formation of any new society, it was customary to ask some one present to say a few words bearing upon the uses to which if a building it was to be applied, or if a new society, on its nature or principles, and the qualification generally of its members. He was asked that day to address a new Lodge upon the nature and principles of Freemasonry, and he thought it a time most suitable because as with the young the mind was more impressible and more easily received knowledge, and the inculcation of wisdom or the opposite. It was in youth that the mental soil was more qualified to receive the seed, and was, so to speak, more pure. So with a new Lodge; and it was well to take advantage of its early life to impress upon its officers, founders, and members the great responsibility that they were about to take upon themselves, as well as the onerous duties that they would be called upon to fulfil. He would draw their attention to what King David said to his son Solomon shortly before his death, because, he thought, it would be applicable to a new Lodge, and would help the brethren on with their task, and render that task more easy, as well as render the Lodge as a body, and each member as a component part of that body, more bright and shining lights in the expanse of their great Order. King David said: "Solomon, my son, know thou the God of thy fathers, and serve Him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind, for the Lord shearcth all hearts, and understandeth every imagination of the thought. If thou seek Him He will be found of thee, but if thou forsake Him He will cast thee off for ever." So it was well to say to a new Lodge, or a new society, especially at the present day, in times of infidelity, when many of the brethren in a sister land had fallen from their first estate, and disregarded and cast away the presence of the Great Architect of the Universe from their rites and ceremonies, "In all you do, in all your working, know the God of your fathers; and in all this serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind;" because, as they were told in the third degree of Freemasonry, "the Lord searcheth all hearts and understandeth every imagination of the thoughts;" in other words—all their words and all their actions were known and recorded by the Most High, to whom they must one day give account of their conduct in life. And in their beautiful rites and ceremonies, and in the teachings that they symbolised, they should serve Him with a perfect heart, and be assured that if in those rites and ceremonies they thought of Him, acknowledged Him, felt His presence, He would be with them. But if they did not feel that His eye was upon them, and that He was never with them, if, so to speak, they forsook Him, He would forsake them and their house—their new Lodge would be left desolate. A word or two upon the nature and principles of Freemasonry. It was as they well knew, not restricted to any particular sect or party; it was wide as the universe and lasting as eternity; its branches were spread over the four quarters of the world—a community of human sympathies and human regard. Then it embraced myriads of men of every clime and of every country. They had the experience of 3000 years to tell them that charity and goodwill were the distinguishing characteristics of their noble Order. And to the brethren assembled, a sacred band, these virtues and teachings and mysteries were to be confided that day; and if they would use them as they ought, if they would preserve them in their entirety, there must be a perfect feeling of unanimity among them as members. When he saw the members, the founders, the Officers of this Lodge, and knew how eminent they were in Masonry, he felt sure that there was a happy future before the Selwyn Lodge, and that it would take a foremost place in the annals of Freemasonry, and as time went on there would be many choosing to range themselves under their banner, either as joining members or as candidates for initiation. Let them take advice of one who had some large experience in that matter—be not too hurried in making a member, but seek him out. If a joining member seek him out at his residence, search into his moral and social position; if a candidate for initiation seek him out likewise, ask his friends and neighbours who knew him well, and see whether from his general qualities as a man he was likely to become a good Mason, an ornament to the Lodge, with whom they could work in that love and harmony which always should characterise members of the Order. As regarded the principles of the Order, he would urge the brethren, even at this very early day, to cultivate that brotherly love which thought no evil, which rejoiced with those that rejoice, and wept with those who wept. Likewise let them put forward that relief which helped them to relieve a brother's wants and succour his infirmities—in other words, that charity which would bring them forward in every good deed towards their fellow-men. And whilst upon charity he would call their attention as a new Lodge to this subject, to do all they could; he trusted they would, both by their money and their time, help in promoting the noble Charities of the Order, which well deserved all they could receive at their hands. He had been asked not to detain them very long; so, although he could dwell much upon these principles, yet there was one he had not mentioned, but which he would mention, and that was truth. Let them cultivate Masonic truth, for it was the object of research of every good and worthy Mason. Cultivate it as the opposite of falsehood, as the feeling of the heart coming from the mouth—that good walk through life which all of them should aim at—purity, faithfulness, and honesty. He would now simply thank them for the attention they had paid to the few words he had been permitted to address to them. Be assured that the Selwyn Lodge, its founders, officers, and members, had his best wishes that they might work together many years in happiness and harmony, and if that day one word of his should have fallen upon good ground, and like the bread cast upon the waters, after many days return with good effect to any brother there; if aught that he had said might confirm one doubting brother in the conviction that Masonry was a living, not a dead power, his visit to them that day had not been in vain, and to the Great Architect of the Universe be all the honour and all the glory. If in that short address he had said too much he asked their leniency, because he was assured that when he went home and meditated upon the meeting they had had he should be cheered by the feeling that he took with him the goodwill of every one of them. And now let him commend them to their work. Work as good Masons, trust in the Great Architect of the Universe, and pray to Him that his light might be shed upon them, and pour into their hearts all that was good and true. Work, and trust, and pray, for if they would bear the conqueror's crown to the Grand Lodge above they must cherish Masonic truth, cherish it for its own sake, and then when death's calm sleep was o'er, in heaven they would wake.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 3rd May. Bros. Johnson W.M., Pavitt S.W., Smith J.W., Barker S.D., Peterken J.D., Forsyth I.G., Worsley Sec., Musto Preceptor; Rawe, McGeorge, Watkins, Bailey, Day, Bourn, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form; the minutes were read. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Rawe candidate. Bro. Worsley worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture. Bro. Pavitt was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Secretary read the Auditors' report for the year, which showed a great increase in the funds. It was resolved that the report be adopted. Bro. Worsley was re-elected Secretary, and Bro. Pavitt Treasurer, for the ensuing year. Bros. McGeorge 499 Scotch Lodge, and Bro. Bourn Prosperity Lodge 65 were duly elected members.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—Held at Bro. Fromm's, the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement. Bro. W. H. Myers P.M. 820 and 1455 Preceptor. On Wednesday, the 27th ult., the chair was taken by Bro. Partridge, supported by Bro. J. Robson as S.W.; also Bros. Kimbell, Medwin, Goddard, McDonald, Macgregor, Robson, C. Loring, and H. Seymour-Clarke Secretary. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. C. Robson candidate. Bro. Macgregor having been questioned and entrusted, the Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. It was unanimously resolved that Bro. Fromm be elected an honorary member of the Lodge. Lodge was closed in due form.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 7th MAY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 9th MAY.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
193—Confidence, Anderton' Fleet-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1366—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
R.C.—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
409—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1438—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1543—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 10th MAY.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
167—St. John, Holly Bush, Hampstead.
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1668—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
829—Sydney, Black Horse, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1314—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1350—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1914—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1335—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 285—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 11th MAY.

3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R.A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
68—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
668—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewisea, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction.)
1343—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool (In.)
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wales
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1892—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 12th MAY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)

35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
389—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe

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449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
733—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Warlle, near Rochdale
946—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1065—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1164—Elliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1368—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Th[illegible]sk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1613—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
K.T. Salamanca, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

FRIDAY, 13th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction.)
834—Kanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1296—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8. (In.)
36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-steet, Goole.
483—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
682—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street,
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1299—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry.
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
K.T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield

SATURDAY, 14th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1607—Loyalty
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith
1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon
1564—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Joppa Lodge, No. 188.—The last meeting prior to the customary vacation was held on Monday, the 2nd instant, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, under the able presidency of the W.M., Bro. R. Baker, supported by Bros. L. M. Myers S.W., Benjamin J.W., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Secretary, J. S. Lyon Treasurer, A. J. Dodson P.M. D.C., G. Bean Assist. D.C., L. Wall Steward, P. E. Van Noorden Organist; Past Masters L. Alexander, S. L. Hickman, Lazarus, H. Hymans, H. M. Levy, M. Alexander. Visitors—Bros. Brady 1158, Argent Jutsum 382, H. W. Homan 59, A. Henochsberg P.M. 1502, L. A. Lazarus 1017, A. Avenal 1017, S. Marks late 188, A. Bignold 1624, C. P. Bellerby 1612, Lewis 493, S. M. Lazarus P.P.G.W. Wilts. After the Lodge had been formally opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, Messrs. Coombes and G. M. Lion were duly initiated into the Order. The latter gentleman, by the courtesy of the Worshipful Master, was initiated by Bro. Hymans I.P.M. Bro. Avenal, of Lodge 1017, was passed to the second degree, and Bros. H. Lion, S. Lion, Vicary, and McKinlay were raised to the third degree. The entire proceedings reflected great credit on the Worshipful Master, whose rendering of the ceremonies was most perfect. The traditional history was given. Bro. H. M. Levy proposed, and Bro. L. M. Myers seconded—That a letter of condolence be sent to Bro. Israel Abrahams P.M., P.G.S., on his recent domestic affliction. This was carried unanimously. A letter was read from Bro. Dodson, stating that a Lodge of Instruction would meet every Thursday evening at seven o'clock, under the sanction of the parent Lodge, to be called the Joppa Lodge of Instruction, to be held at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, and stating that the thanks of the Founders were due to the Worshipful Master for his hearty co-operation. This letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes. The Lodge was then closed until October. The brethren adjourned to slight refreshment, this being one of the so-called bread and cheese nights. The Worshipful Master, in his usual genial manner, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Past Master E. P. Albert Prov. Grand Pursuivant responding for the Grand Officers. Bro. L. Alexander P.M. returned thanks for the toast of the Benevolent Fund, and announced that the sum in hand was nearly £1000. The newly initiated brethren gave 21s each to this fund. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiates, who came to them well and worthily recommended; he was sure they would prove a credit to the Order. Bros. Lion and Coombs severally returned thanks. Bro. Hymans I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., could with pleasure say it was the toast of the evening; he had seen many Masters occupy the chair; the W.M. might be equalled, but could not be excelled. His capacity for presiding, like his capacity for working, was perfect, and he hoped the members would give the toast a hearty reception. The W.M. in reply said he could hardly find words to return thanks for their kind reception of the toast. His working had been referred to; if it had met with their approbation it was sufficient gratification to him, and would be an incentive to him to work still more diligently in their cause. The brethren were now about to separate until October, he then hoped to see them one and all, and to meet them in health and prosperity. The toast of the Visitors was next given, and Bro. S. M. Lazarus responded. This was his 82nd birthday, he felt a great pleasure as an old Mason to hear such good accounts of the working of the W.M. He had felt great interest in reading, in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, a very faithful history of the proceedings of this old and influential Lodge. A history which must prove interesting, not only to the old, but also to the young members. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters, and Bro. H. Hymans I.P.M. responded. The toasts of the Treasurer, Secretary, Wardens, and Junior Officers were given in due couse, and the Tyler's finally closed the proceedings. Bros. Dodson P.M., Jutsum, and Phillips contributed to the Harmony.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 26th instant, at the Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury-pavement. Present:—Bros. Holness W.M., Orme S.W., Pitt J.W., J. L. Mather Preceptor, C. G. Sparrow Secretary, Hepburn S.D., Redding I.G., and others. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Whale candidate. Lodge opened in the second and third degrees, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Shipley candidate. Bro. Sparrow Hon. Secretary was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge closed, and adjourned till Tuesday next.

King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—The regular meeting of this excellent Lodge of Instruction was held on the 1st inst., at Bro. Devine's, the Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square. Bros. Jutsum W.M., J. Snowdin S.W., Kauffmann J.W., Devine Treasurer, L. Solomon Hon. Sec., Burgess I.G., Hemming Preceptor. The Lodge of Instruction was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The first, second, third and fourth sections of the first lecture were worked. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Silvester acting as candidate. A special vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Jutsum for the excellent manner he had performed the ceremony, for the first time. Bro. Snodin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge of Instruction was then adjourned until the following week.

Landport Lodge, No. 1776.—The regular meeting was held in the handsome Lodge-room of the Portsmouth Freemasons' Hall and Club Company Limited, 79 Commercial-road, Landport, on Thursday, the 21st instant. The chair, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., was taken by Bro. G. A. Green P.M., who with his customary ability performed the ceremonies of passing and raising. At the conclusion of the ritual, several propositions were made for candidates for initiation and joining. Resolutions were passed, one of sympathy with the W.M., he having met with a severe accident, which has incapacitated him from following his professional duties for some weeks; and one to Bro. E. S. Main P.M., for his donation of ten guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in the name of the Landport Lodge. The brethren pledged themselves to support his Stewardship for that Institution at the next Annual Festival After the Lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the large dining hall, and partook of supper. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards duly honoured.

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THE ELECTION OF FRIDAY NEXT, THE R.M.B.I.

FRIDAY next, the 20th instant, is the day fixed for the Annual Special Meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The number of candidates is a formidable one, especially in the case of the old ladies, while the number of vacancies is unfortunately smaller than we have had for some time past. For the Male Fund there are thirty-seven candidates for thirteen vacancies, while for the Female Fund there are but seven vacancies and as many as sixty-one candidates. As will be seen, however, from the Report we publish elsewhere of the meeting of the Committee, it has been resolved that the number to be elected shall be increased, so that, though there will be several disappointed at the result of Friday's poll, there will be, at all events, fewer than otherwise would have been the case had the Committee not found it possible to enlarge the list of the annuitants. So satisfactory a measure must, of course, be traced to the brilliant result of the Festival in February last, and West Yorkshire in particular, and all who take an interest in the Institution cannot be otherwise than intensely gratified at finding their efforts have been so immediately productive of good.

For the Male Fund there are, as we have said, thirty-seven candidates and thirteen vacancies; eight of them hailing from the Metropolitan district, and twenty-nine from the Provinces. Taking the London first, we find that No. 9, H. Hart Spratt, was initiated in September 1860, in the New Concord, No. 813, and remained a subscribing member for eighteen years. He is a Life Governor of the Benevolent and Girls' School, but, owing to almost total loss of sight, he is unable to follow any occupation, and is wholly dependent for support on his friends. The case would seem to be a strong one, and will doubtless receive the support it merits. No. 10, Solomon Marks, sixty-one years of age, was initiated in the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, as far back as the 2nd February 1852, and has continued a subscribing member for eleven years and a quarter. Through disasters in business, he became very much reduced in circumstances, and not having capital enough to make a fresh start in life, he now finds it necessary to seek the assistance of the Benevolent Fund. Charles James Woods, who stands sixteenth on the list, was initiated in Albion Lodge, No. 9, on the 1st October 1850, and has subscribed for twenty-one and a half years. He is in the sixty-second year of his age, and, "owing to the total decay and destruction of his business, is incapable of obtaining employment in any other occupation." No. 24, Robert Armstrong, was initiated in October 1865, and continued a subscribing member till March of last year. He is imbecile and totally incapable of earning a livelihood, and as he has served the office of Steward for, and is a Life Governor of, the Institution, no doubt he will secure a liberal share of support in his extremity. No. 26, Matthew Cooke, aged fifty-nine years, has been a member of several Lodges, having been initiated in Lodge No. 657, on 18th June 1857, and having subscribed to one or more of them during a period of thirty-five and a half years. He is permanently incapacitated from work, and has no visible means of support. No. 29, Thomas Riley, who is in the eighty-fourth year of his age, having been born in January 1798, was initiated in Lodge No. 193, in December 1845, and subscribed for seven years. He enjoys a pension of fifteen pence per day from the War Office, but he is unable to add anything to his scanty means as he is afflicted with chronic rheumatism and gout, and also with severe ulcerations of both legs. No. 32, Thomas Maxwell, who will be sixty-two on Monday, was initiated in September 1856, in Lodge No. 488, St. Helena, joined No. 508, Singapore, in 1858, and No. 206, London, in 1860, remaining a subscriber for over six years, and having been an active member of some Lodge for ten years altogether. His age and ill-health have incapacitated him from following any occupation, and consequently he has been obliged to seek the assistance of our Benevolent Fund. No. 36, Charles James Hogg, was born on 28th June 1805, and is, therefore, only a few weeks short of completing his seventy-sixth year. He was initiated in the Felicity, No. 58, in June 1857, and continued a subscribing member till the 9th March 1880. He had also been a subscribing member of No. 1275, New Cross, for eight years and a half. He is a Past Grand Steward, and has served the office of Steward for, and is a Life Governor of, the Benevolent Fund. He has no means of obtaining a livelihood, and even if he had he would be unable to follow it owing to his age and bodily infirmities.

Of the twenty-nine Provincial candidates, West Lancashire and West Yorkshire each sends up five. Three hail from Durham; Cheshire, Cornwall, Northumberland, and Kent contribute each two candidates; while Berks and Bucks, Suffolk, Sussex, Essex, Monmouthshire, N. and E. Yorkshire, Warwickshire and Jersey send up one each. First on the list, Joseph Crisp, was a candidate for the first time last year, but only succeeded in scoring 35 votes. He belongs to Durham, having been initiated in 1861, in a Sunderland Lodge, No. 97, and remained a subscribing member for eighteen years. He is in his sixty-sixth year, is unable to follow any occupation, through sunstroke, and has no one to assist him. No. 2, George Ensell, from Warwickshire, has nine votes to his credit from last May. He first saw light in Lodge No. 43, Birmingham, and was a joining member of Lodge No. 739 of the same town, having paid his subscriptions for ten years and three quarters. He is in very indigent circumstances. Some years ago "he was in trade at Birmingham, but his mind becoming affected," he "was compelled to give up, and at present is permanently incapacitated, and without means of support." The third in order, a West Yorkshire candidate, who brings forward 157 votes, is in his sixty-fifth year, was initiated in No. 204, of Manchester, but resides at Leeds. For the last ten years he has been paralysed in his lower extremities, and thus permanently incapacitated for work, as he cannot move without assistance. John Docchar, who stands next, and obtained seven votes in 1880, is in his seventy-seventh year. He was initiated in No. 240, South Shields, in December 1856, and continued a subscribing member for twenty years. Failing health and infirmities compelled him to relinquish his trade, and he has no means of subsistence. No. 5, Thomas William Beale is a few months short of seventy-six. He was initiated on 1st May 1865, in Lodge No. 977, Fowey, Cornwall, and subscribed for over thirteen years, but is now incapacitated by age and infirmity, and though he has children, they are not in a position to render him any assistance in this the period of his adversity. This is his first attempt at obtaining the benefits of the Institution, as indeed is the case with all but the four candidates at the head of the list. No. 6, William Ford, of Slough, in Bucks, was formerly a farmer and innkeeper, and was initiated in No. 77, Windsor, on 9th February 1864, and subscribed for fifteen years. He has just completed his seventy-first year, and "in consequence of physical inability and infirmity is totally desti-

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tude and incapable of following any occupation." No. 7, Jesse Banning, of Cheshire, in his seventy-fourth year, was initiated in No. 343, Preston, in 1865, and remained a subscriber for five years and a half. He joined a Carlisle Lodge in 1869, and continued subscribing to it for nine years, and for three years belonged to a Liverpool Lodge, No. 823. He is a Past Provincial Grand Organist of Cumberland and Westmoreland, but owing to railway accidents, decline of business, and bad health, his general means of livelihood are very precarious. No. 8, Edward Reed, of Morpeth, in Northumberland, was initiated in No. 431, North Shields, in June 1842, and continued a subscribing member for two years and a quarter. In 1859 he joined the Lodge No. 636, Morpeth, and remained a subscribing member till 1879. Though formerly in good circumstances, he is now entirely destitute, besides being very feeble, and suffering from long-continued illness. He is in his seventieth year. No. 11, Alexander Douglas Ross, of Gravesend, was initiated in Lodge No. 77, in that town, in 1854, and the year following joined No. 483, the period during which he subscribed to these two Lodges being altogether forty-seven and a half years. He has been a subscriber to the Benevolent for many years, and is a Life-Governor of the Boys' School. He is now so enfeebled by paralysis as to be unable to follow his occupation. No. 12, Charles Lomax, Cheshire, was initiated in No. 322, Stockport, in 1864, and continued a subscribing member for eleven years and three quarters. He has been a journalist, but is now a complete invalid, unable to maintain himself, and wholly dependent for support on his friends. No. 13 hails from the Province of West Yorkshire, Bro. Abraham Roberts, who is in the eighty-first year of his age. He was initiated in August 1860, and subscribed to his Lodge for nineteen years and a half. He has no means of support, and is quite dependent on charity. Thomas Lampen, No. 14, from Cornwall, was initiated in No. 450, Hayle, in 1859, and remained a subscriber till 31st December 1879. "From advanced age and failing sight," he is unable to follow his occupation, and what makes his circumstances still more painful is, that "his wife is invalided by paralysis." No. 15, Thomas Halliday, of Sunderland, completes the trio of Durham candidates. He has been a member of No. 97, in which he was initiated, and No. 94, of which he became a joining member in 1860, for over twenty-three years, but his health is such that he cannot follow his occupation of a printer any longer, and he is compelled to trust for support to the bounty of his friends. No. 17, William Roberts, a West Yorkshire candidate, is in his seventy-fifth year. He was initiated in 1858, and has remained a subscribing Mason nearly ever since. He is unable to work, having had a paralytic stroke, and is dependent on his daughter for support. John Lockwood, formerly an hotel keeper and farmer, belongs to Suffolk, in which Province he was initiated in 1845. He subscribed for sixteen years and a half, but he cannot procure his own livelihood, owing to failure of sight. Alfred Smith, of Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, was initiated in 1849, and remained an active member of his Lodge for thirty years. Owing to failure of business, he is now in very reduced circumstances, occasional watch repairing being his only means of earning money. James Munn, Kent, was initiated in Dartford, in 1847, and subscribed to his Lodge for sixteen years and a half. He is a Past Grand Deacon of Kent, and is described as "utterly destitute," being unable, from failing health, to maintain himself. John Patterson was initiated in No. 393, Berwick-on-Tweed, and remained a member for twenty-eight years. He is very infirm from rheumatism, and his only means of support is a pension of £6 16s from the Aged Seaman's Fund. Joseph Ward, East Lancashire, is a Mason of over two-and-twenty years' standing, having been initiated in No. 442, Peterborough, in June, 1857. In the course of his occupation as a locomotive engine driver, he met with an accident to his leg, and is now permanently incapacitated from work. Thomas Higson, another East Lancashire candidate, in his sixty-seventh year, is incapable of doing any manual labour, "being afflicted with rheumatism and the infirmities of old age." He was initiated in No. 348, Bolton, in 1853, and remained a subscribing member till December 1879. John Oatley, of St. Heliers, Jersey, was formerly a ship owner. He was initiated in No. 590, in 1863, and a few months later joined No. 958, his subscriptions, taking the two together, extending over a period of thirty-five years. He has been reduced to a state of great necessity by the severe depression in the shipping trade, "having had everything taken for the benefit of creditors." He is a Past Grand Senior Warden of his Province. Charles Sutcliffe, East Lancashire, formerly a cotton spinner, was initiated in No. 126, Burnley, in 1852, and joined afterwards Lodge No. 1064, the years he was a subscribing member to the two amounting to forty-one and three-quarters. By two disastrous fires, and a long period of unprofitable trade, he has been "reduced from a state of affluence to one of urgent need of assistance." Jas. Hayter, formerly Hotel keeper of Hastings, was initiated in 1858, and continued a subscriber till December 1879. He was formerly in good circumstances, but now has no means of employment, and is entirely dependent on Charity. George Worley, described as a gentleman, was initiated in Lodge No. 360, Northampton, in 1841, as a minor, and paid his subscription till December 1863. He is a Provincial G. Senior Warden of Norths and Hunts, and a Life Governor of all our Institutions. Through serious losses in house property and shares, he has become much reduced, while gout prevents him from following any occupation. Harry A. Darby, in his eighty-second year, was initiated in 1855, in Lodge No. 643, and subscribed to it for fifteen years. He "has no means of keeping himself, none of his family are in a position to assist him, and his advanced age renders him helpless." James Jackson, East Lancashire, was initiated in Lodge No. 816, Wardle, in 1865, and paid fifteen years. He suffers from a paralytic affection, and is permanently incapacitated from earning a livelihood. No. 34 is a West Yorkshire man, William Smith, of Batley, formerly a woollen manufacturer. He was initiated in Lodge No. 380, Morley, in 1850, and has been a subscriber thirty years. He has lost all his money in trade, and his only means of support is by trying to do a little work on commission. He has subscibed annually to the Benevolent Institution ever since he joined the Fraternity. Joseph Burton, Ashton-under-Lyne, who in a few weeks will complete his sixty-ninth year, was initiated in 1861, and subscribed for over eighteen years. He is unable to follow any employment through increasing age and infirmity, and his wife is an invalid. John Middleton, who stands last on the list, hails from Newport, Monmouthshire. He was initiated in No. 297, Lincoln, in 1842, and joined No. 147 of Newport, in 1854, and taking one Lodge with another has been a subscribing member for some forty years. He is a Past Prov. G.D. Lincolnshire, and a Past Prov. G. Warden of Monmouthshire. His only resources consist of a sum of £10 per annum from the Isca Lodge, and some assistance from his daughters, who can ill-afford to help him. He is in his seventy-third year, and is not only poor, but in failing health. This completes the list of the candidates for the Male Fund.

On the Female Fund list, there are sixty-one names, of whom one has been before the subscribers as a candidate at eight previous elections. One is an applicant for the fifth time, six have made three previous attempts, five others have stood twice before, while seven were approved and placed on the roll for ballot in May 1880. The other forty-one are new candidates, having had no previous opportunity. As distributed among the provinces, we find that there are twenty-one from the metropolis, Essex sends five, Devon four, Sussex, Kent, East Lancashire, and Hants and Isle of Wight three each; Warwickshire, Berks and Bucks, and Surrey, two each, and there is one applicant from each of the following:—namely, Durham, North and East Yorkshire, Northumberland, Hereford, Norfolk, Lincolnshire, Somersetshire, Middlesex, Dorsetshire, West Yorkshire, West Lancashire, and Cheshire. No. 1 on the list is Mrs. Elliott, who has standing to her credit from her previous contests, 454 votes. She is in her seventy-eighth year, and has no means of support, being entirely dependent on a son-in-law. She has been a widow nearly one-and-twenty years, her late husband, an auctioneer, of Darlington, in the county of Durham, having subscribed to his Lodge for ten years. Mrs. Wakefield, with 70 votes from four previous ballots, will make her fifth attempt on Friday next. She is in her sixty-fifth year, and is entirely dependent on her children. Her husband, who, was initiated in No. 362, Grantham, having been a subscribing Mason for over thirty-five years. Mrs. Child, who like the preceding applicant, lives in the metropolitan district, is close on sixty-five years of age, her late husband having been initiated in a London Lodge, No. 179, on 18th June 1835. She is both infirm and destitute, and her family are unable to assist her. She has 62 votes to the good from previous elections.

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Mrs. George, Manchester, was left, at her husband's death, in 1875, without any means of support. Old age prevents her doing anything for her own maintenance, and she is dependent on a son who is a letter-carrier, an occupation which our readers are well aware is not considered a very remunerative one. There are twenty-one votes to her credit. Mrs. Gambell, of Plymouth, the widow of a sail-maker, in good circumstances, whose means, however, at the time of his death, had been nearly exhausted by losses and failing health, has 83 votes to her credit. Her only means of support is a yearly income of £20, and her husband, who was a Past Prov. Assist. Director of Ceremonies, Devon, subscribed for twenty-four years. Mrs. Francis, of Brightlingsea, Essex, who is in her seventy-third year, and whose husband was a Past Provincial G.S.B. Essex, has been dependent on the charity of friends for help during the whole of her widowhood. She has 157 votes to the good, while the next in order, Mrs. Eade, is still more fortunate, and has to her credit 503 votes. Her late husband, who died in January 1865, was initiated in No. 407, Malta, in 1852, and three years later joined Sincerity Lodge, No. 174. She can do nothing for her own support, as she is afflicted with rheumatism, and is dependent on her eldest daughter, who is a dressmaker. Mrs. Allen is widow of a deceased annuitant, and as such became entitled at her husband's death to a moiety of his annuity. This, however, has now ceased, in accordance with the laws of the Benevolent. Mrs. Allen has 430 votes to her credit. Mrs. Rowell, an applicant for the third time, is also the widow of an annuitant, who died on 1st of April 1878, so that she has the one-half of his annuity, while she also enjoys a small pension of £12 from the Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Institution. Her votes are 134 from last May. Mrs. Isherwood of Middlesborough, with 377 votes, at present holds the situation of housekeeper, but owing to old age and increasing infirmities she will be compelled to resign, and will then be resourceless. Mrs. Winter, widow of an Inspector to the Local Board of Health, Hastings, has for her support a weekly allowance by that Board of eight shillings, not a very large sum for the support of one who must have had many comforts, if not many luxuries, in her time. Mrs. Bentley, a London case, and the widow of an annuitant, has, of course, her £20 per annum for a time, and also £10 10s a year, but her husband died in July 1878, and the allowance will therefore soon cease, if in the meantime she is unsuccessful in getting on to the Fund. Moreover she is in her seventy-ninth year, so that though she has only 43 votes to her credit from previous elections, her friends may rally round her and carry the day. Mrs. Maddick, who is also seventy-eight years of age has but eleven votes to bring forward, and is widow of an annuitant who was initiated in Plymouth in 1845, and paid his subscription for twenty-three and a-half years. Mrs. Martin, the first in order of the second application cases is a London case. Her husband was a gas fitter, but since his death, which occurred in January 1873, she has followed the calling of a domestic servant, but she can do so no longer, owing to age and infirmities. She has standing to her credit 479 votes. Mrs. Gregory, Devonshire, with 22 votes, is unable to follow any occupation, through "chronic inflammation of the eyes having produced cataracts;" so that she is entirely dependent on her friends. Mrs. Miller, London, lost her husband, who was an annuitant, in 1879, and for the present is in receipt of half his annuity. He had been a member of the Royal Athelstan, No. 19, for thirty-four years. Mrs. Mongar, another London case, and the wife of another annuitant, has 454 votes—Mrs. Miller has 415; Mrs. Laffittau has 404 votes to bring forward, which is satisfactory, as from the particulars given it is evident she needs help. She is without means of support, and has a daughter dependent on her. Mrs. Wright, with 536 votes, whose husband died twelve years ago, is unprovided for, having only her friends to look to for help. Mrs. Chrisp, who is in her seventy-sixth year, brings forward 127 votes. Her husband was a subscribing member for twenty-nine years, a Past Provincial Grand Registrar Hants and Isle of Wight, and a Life-Governor of the Girls' School. She is dependent on a son, who cannot afford to support her. No. 21 on the list, Mrs. Cherrill, hailing from Berks and Bucks, through rheumatism is unable to work for her maintenance, and has four children dependent on her. Mrs. Coates, Warwickshire, is entirely dependent on her friends. Mrs. Greathead, whose husband, an annuitant, died in January 1880, has of course a moiety of his annuity towards her support. Mrs. Smith, Hants and Isle of Wight, is incapacitated from work through an affection of the chest, and is totally unprovided for, with three children depending on her. Mrs. Geary, widow of Bro. Geary, an annuitant, has of course half his annuity. She is, by proof, seventy-five years of age, and has the customary £20 per annum for the present Mrs. Fenning, born March 1806, can do nothing for her living, and is entirely dependent on friends. Mrs. Exley lost her husband in 1879, and found herself with insufficient means of support, and her family unable to help her. Mrs. Copeland, Lincolnshire, is in delicate health, with one daughter dependent on her. Mrs. Pearson, Kent, is dependent on her children. Mrs. Laing has no "means of livelihood," and looks to friends for support. Mrs. Pelton, Kent, has the half of her late husband's annuity, he having died on 15th January 1850. Mrs. Appleby, after realising the effects of her late husband and paying his debts, was left absolutely without means of support. Her husband was a Past Provincial Grand Pursuivant Somersetshire. Mrs. Rigarlsford lost her husband, who had been an invalid for many years, in 1881, and has no means of support. Mrs. Hill, Essex, cannot obtain employment on account of the delicacy of her health. Her husband was initiated in a Southampton Lodge, and joined No. 251, Barnstaple, having been a subscribing Mason for nearly one-and-twenty years. Mrs. Grant's husband was an annuitant, and died 18th March 1880, while Mrs. Kidd, whose husband was likewise an annuitant, is no longer in receipt of his half annuity, as he died in July 1877. Mrs. Biles lost her husband as far back as 1860, and cannot obtain a scanty subsistence except by needlework. Mrs. Madeley was left, at the death of her husband in 1865, with a large family, and but little means of support, and with no friends able to assist her. Mrs. Fead-Lamert was left by her husband, late Paymaster 60th Rifles, totally unprovided for, but she has gallantly striven to make a living by teaching. Mrs. Perkin makes what she can in the way of income by letting lodgings. Mrs. Moorhouse is dependent on a delicate daughter for the necessaries of life. Mrs. Hambly has kept herself and her children by teaching, friends also rendering her some assistance, but her health has failed and she can work no longer Mrs. Rumsey, whose husband was a subscribing Mason for thirty-eight years, depends on the rent of two small houses, amounting to seven shillings a week all told. Mrs. Greig depends on her daughter's scanty earnings from a small school. Mrs. Emmerson has no means of support, and is unable to gain a livelihood. Mrs. Thomas is totally unprovided for, while Mrs. Bisco, during her widowhood, has obtained a living by nursing, but her health is now so precarious that she is unable to continue it. Mrs. Cogan receives half her late husband's annuity, and will contine to do so for the present at all events, unless, in the meantime, she should have the good fortune to be elected on the Fund. Mrs. Stubington is unable to work, on account of age, and has no means of support. Mrs. Greenwood has half of the late Bro. Greenwood's annuity. Mrs. Roberts is wholly dependent on two married sons, who allow her each five shillings a week. Mrs. Wilkinson is, owing to age and a delicate constitution, unable to maintain herself. Mrs. Nowlan is dependent on friends. Mrs. Rodgers, aged eighty-two, has no means, and depends for support on her son, who, however, is not in a position to assist her. Mrs. Muruss, in her eightieth year, is unable to work, and her only means of support are three shillings a week from the Hotel Keepers' Institution, and what is left of a grant from the Lodge of Benevolence. Mrs. Wood, since her husband's death, has been eking out a living by tuition, but the establishment of Government schools have interfered with her ability to do so with success. Mrs. Chapple was left destitute at the death of her husband, and is dependent on her two eldest sons, whose circumstances, however, are far from flourishing. Mrs. Buckley is dependent on a son. Mrs. Dover has not even that consolation, as she is totally without means. The position of Mrs. Booth is a similar one, while Mrs. Diver, whose husband, a physician, was Past Deputy District Grand Master of Bombay, and a Life Governor of the Benevolent and Girls' School, through breaking her leg and collar-bone, is incapacited from work, and entirely dependent on charity. This completes the list, the details of which are necessarily painful. We trust the General Meeting of Friday will find it possible to increase the number to an appreciable extent, so that the number of the disappointed will be reduced very considerably.

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MASONIC HISTORY AND HISTORIANS.

By Bro. Jacob Norton.

IT is gratifying to perceive that our leading English Masonic writers have at last agreed that the histories of Anderson, Preston, Dermott and Co. are faulty and unreliable. The *Freemason* of March 5th, 26th, April 9th, &c., contains articles on the above subject from the pens of Bros. Hughan, Gould, Masonic Student, and Whytehead. But, while they agree in the necessity of a new history of Freemasonry, they still differ about the value of Masonic traditions. Bros. Hughan and Gould are inclined to reject all traditions which are unsupported by reliable testimony, and Bros. Masonic Student and Whytehead show a decided hankering after the leeks, onions, and garlic of Egypt.

"In dealing with traditions (says Masonic Student), qua traditions, we must be careful and reverential in the handling of them. It is not a case of 'sequitor,' remember, at all, that because traditions are incorrect, therefore they are untrustworthy. It was pointed out years ago, by one of the greatest experts in MSS., that we must bear in mind that there was a 'substratum' of truth in all traditions, if we could find it, and that as all traditions, become incorrect through the lapse of time, or the repetition of men, so while we were not slavishly to accept them, we were not equally as slavishly to reject them *in toto*."

With all due respect to Masonic Student, and to his "experts of MSS.," I cannot believe that there is "a substratum of truth to *all* traditions;" for instance, there is an Irish tradition that St. Patrick swam across the Shannon, carrying his head in his mouth. Now, suppose Masonic Student does not believe that the saint carried his whole head in his mouth, does he imagine that he carried a half, a quarter, or even a tenth part of his head in his own mouth? Where is the substratum of truth in the said Irish tradition?

"The Reader's Hand Book," by the Rev. E. C. Brewer, contains several versions of the story about the "Wandering Jew." Now, can Bro. Masonic Student say that he believes in either of those versions? or can he point out any substratum of truth in the whole, or in either of them?

A discussion took place in Rome, a few years ago, between really learned and eminent Catholic and Protestant Divines, as to whether St. Peter was ever Bishop of Rome. The Catholic party rested their arguments on a tradition to that effect, that St. Peter was Bishop of Rome, and was crucified there, &c. But the Protestants maintained that whereas the said tradition was not mentioned till about a century after the supposed event, they could therefore neither believe that St. Peter was Bishop of Rome, or that he had ever been in Rome.

Owing to the power claimed by the Pope on account of his supposed succession to St. Peter, Protestants have no hesitation in disputing St. Peter's Roman Bishopship. Now, the truth is, the story of St. John the Evangelist having been Bishop of Ephesus, &c., rests upon no better foundation than that of the St. Peter Roman tradition, and had the Bishop of Ephesus claimed homage of all Christians on account of his succession to St. John, those that would refuse his claimed homage could make as good an argument against the St. John Ephesus legend as the others did against the St. Peter Roman legend. But as there is no Bishop of Ephesus to claim superiority, the St. John's legend is tolerated and even defended by the orthodox party. The more advanced ecclesiastical critics, however, reject both legends alike.

Now, upon this Ephesus St. John legend, Masons have erected St. John Masonic legends—viz., how the Evangelist became Grand Master when he was upwards of ninety years of age, and how Lodges were first dedicated to King Solomon, afterwards to Zerubbabel, and last to the St. Johns, because the Baptist was also a Grand Master. And in the April number of the *Masonic Magazine*, 1879 (p 465), there is a *tradition* about St. John, while still in the old faith, having joined the Eleusinian's mysteries; and how, when the Saint was banished to the Isle of Patmos, the Eleusinian brethren on the island helped him somehow to get back to Ephesus. There is also related a miracle—viz., that the Emperor or Domitian ordered the saint to be thrown into a cauldron of boiling oil, and how the oil would not cook the saint, &c. Now, it is really needless to waste time, ink, and paper to prove the absurdity of all these legends. There is not a particle of truth in either of them; and it is high time for Masons to stop talking about handling these Masonic so-called traditions *reverentially*; and the same may be said of all other Masonic traditions, and all of the English pre-1717 Grand Masters, so ludicrously reprinted year after year in the English Masonic Calendars.

Bro. Whytehead, I am sorry to say, is strongly afflicted with the High Degree mania, and believes without doubt that Christian Degrees, Rosicrucianism, &c., were in full blast in 1717, and before; and hence, in a book called "Long Livers," published about 1726, his distorted vision can make out evidence of the existence at that time of some kind of mystic Christian degrees, and what not; but before I analyse his reasoning, I shall call attention to the following article from *Chambers' Cyclopædia*, about the origin of Rosicrucianism, &c.:—

"The beginning of the 17th century was a period which manifested an extraordinary tendency to mysticism in science as well as in religion; alchemy, astrology, and divination, divided the public interest with Pietism in the Protestant world, and the Convulsionist mania in the Catholic community. A remarkable impulse was given to this tendency by the simultaneous appearance of two anonymous books, printed at Cassel in 1614, in German, entitled *Universal and General Reformation of the whole wide world*, together with the *Fama Fraternitatis or Brotherhood of the Illustrious Order of the Rosy Cross; to the Rulers, States, and Learned of Europe. Printed at Cassel, by William Wessel.*"

The first of these books is a kind of mystic allegory [and the story runs thus.] In the reign of Justinian, Apollo, finding the world full of every kind of corruption, resolved on effecting a reformation, and with this view, calls up the seven wise men of Greece, and three Roman philosophers, of whom Cato and Seneca are the chief advisers. Their deliberation forms the subject of the book, which is a satire at once on the philosophy and the political systems and governments of the age.

The *Fama Fraternitatis* is the story of a certain holy and reverend Brother Christian Rosenkreuz (*i.e.*, Rosy Cross), who is represented as living in the fourteenth century. This father, a German of noble birth, having been educated in a monastery, conceives a design for the reformation of the world; and after learning, at Jerusalem and Damascus, all the sciences of the Arabians, spends three years at Fez, in Morocco, in the study of the magical science of the Moors, and returns to Germany, where he establishes in a house—under the title *Sancti Spiritus*, with the aid of seven monks from the convent where he had been educated—a fraternity, which is the original brotherhood of the Rosy Cross. These adepts having formed a system, with secret symbols, and committed it to paper, sent forth Father Rosenkreuz to propagate the brotherhood, which was to be kept secret for a hundred years, the members, however, meeting once each year in the mother house of Sancti Spiritus. Rosenkreuz died at the age of 106, and the place of his burial was held secret by the adepts; but he ordered that an inscription should be placed on one of the doors of Sancti Spiritus. "Post cxx. annos patebo."

"In the following year—1615—a third tract appeared, also in German, called *Confession of the Society and Brotherhood Rosy Cross*, which purports to be a defence of the Brotherhood, by Johann Valentine Andrea."

Without tracing the subject further, it is generally conceded by all impartial investigators that there is about as much truth in the several Rosicrusian narratives as there is in More's Utopia, Swift's "Gulliver's Travels," and thousands of other kindred works. No Rosicrucian organisation existed anywhere in the seventeenth century, and no such Society existed in the eighteenth century before the Ramsays, Cagliostros, Weishaups, &c., began manufacturing Christian, Egyptian, and other High Degrees.

"The Long Livers," above referred to, cannot be better described than in Bro. Whytehead's own words, viz.—"That it is a history of persons who have lived to a great age, and who have grown young again," and that the pamphlet is filled with receipts for rejuvenising old people. The writer of that pamphlet was evidently a Master Mason, and therefore dedicated his book to the Grand Master, Masters, Wardens, &c., of England and Ireland. He does not claim to have been a Rosicrusian or a member of any other Society combining Christianity, philosophy, with mysticism. Indeed, we may infer that if he had been a member of such a Society, he would have dedicated his book, not to Masons, but to the Society connected with his notions. Now, here are the extracts from which our *High Graders* have derived comfort, and to which Bro. Whytehead calls special attention.

"By what I here say, those of you who are not far *illuminated*, who stand in the outward place, and are not worthy to look behind the vail, may find no disagreeable or unprofitable entertainment, and those who are so happy as to have greater light will discover," &c.

I am very sorry that Bro. Whytehead stopped short in the middle of a sentence, and did not enlighten us about what they "will discover."

The second quotation from "Long Livers" is:—"And now, my brethren, you of the Higher Class." And the third quotation is:—"The Spiritual Celestial Cube," which phrase occurs in a *ritual* of one of the Christian High Degrees. Furthermore, Bro. Whytehead informs us that while the author of "Long Livers" cautions Masons against introducing religion and politics into Masonry, he himself repeatedly eulogises Christianity: hence he infers that he may have belonged to the Christian Degrees. These are all the arguments derived from the testimony of "The Long Livers" as to the existence at that time of higher Masonic or other degrees.

"A drowning man catches at a straw." Our American profound Dr. Mackay was the first *High Grader* who attempted to catch at the "Long Livers'" straw, and now Bros. Whytehead and Masonic Student are trying to catch the same straw; but the fact is, it is not a straw at all they are after, but *a mere shadow of a straw*. I admit that, as a rule, High Graders are very apt to pretend *here* that Masonry is cosmopolitan, and *there* that is Christian. But this Masonic inconsistency is not altogether monopolised by High Graders, of which many instances can be shown. Nay, it existed before the High Graders were thought of. The earliest ritual referred to Christ on the top of the Temple, St. John, &c. The author of "Long Livers" was, therefore, no more inconsistent than the then ritual.

With regard to the quotations above given, be it remembered that the 1721 Constitution allowed Fellow Crafts to hold the offices of Warden, Master, and even Grand Master; that up to 25th November 1725, the F.C. and M.M. degrees could be obtained only in the Grand Lodge. That even as late as 1730, *not one in a hundred Masons took the third degree*. (This fact was pointed out to me in an original printed document of 1730, by a member of your staff when I was in London, a few weeks ago.) We may therefore infer that in 1726, when "Long Livers" was printed, the mass of the brotherhood were mere Entered Apprentices; a few took the second degree; and still fewer took the third degree. With these facts before us, the references made by the author of "Long Livers," "to those who are not far illuminated, who stand in the outward place, and you of the higher class," simply refers to those who have taken only one degree, and to those who have been illumined with the second and third degrees.

With regard to the phrase "Spiritual Celestial Cube," mentioned by the author of "Long Livers," which phrase is used in one of the High Christian Degrees. I beg to call the attention of Bro. Whytehead to a phrase taken from Milton, in the English Crift Ritual, viz.—

"Grace in her footstep, and heaven in her eye."

This passage does not prove that Milton was a Mason, but that

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Dr. Hemming, in 1814, inserted the said paragraph from Milton into the ritual; and in a like manner we may infer that the ritual maker of a Christian degree, took the phrase "Spiritual and Celestial Cube," either out of "Long Livers," or from another similar book, and inserted it into his ritual.

As Bro. Masonic Student quoted the opinion of a great expert in MSS., about there being a substratum of truth in all traditions, I will here submit the opinion of the author of two quarto volumes—viz., "The Lives of the Popes"—I think the author's name was Bowers, and I give the quotation from memory; he opened the book thus—

"Tradition is a convicted liar, but as a liar may sometimes tell truth, it is proper that we should listen to what tradition has to say. But we should never believe a word of it, unless it is supported by trustworthy and reliable evidence.

Boston, U.S., 29th April 1881.

MASONIC NAMES FOR GOD.

FROM THE MASONIC REVIEW.

IT may be truly said that the recognition of the Divine Being is the corner-stone of Freemasonry. Take that away, and Masonry, which is the building of a Mystic Temple, loses all its meaning, and is perverted from the worship of a Supreme Being to the self worship by man of himself. The atheistic Mason (if such an abnormity is conceivable) is one who is building a temple to his own glory, or that of his fellow men—to Humanity, in the abstract.

But Masonry was founded in a reverent belief of the Supreme Being, and no one can enter the Brotherhood without that belief. If any atheist enters he is an impostor: if any Mason becomes an atheist after he enters, he is bound in honour to retire from a body with which he no longer has true sympathy.

The names by which this time-honoured Fraternity has especially recognized and honoured the Deity are worthy of note. It is true it is often said that names are unimportant, that ideas are everything; that as Shakspeare says: "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet:" and Pope's lines are often quoted:

> Father of all, in every age,
> In every clime adored,
> By Saint, by Savage, or by Sage,
> Jehovah, Jove, or Lord!

There is a vein of truth running through this. It matters little what word you use, if you only have a true conception of the Deity.

But yet we feel that words have a good deal in them. They are signs of ideas; and as we attach true ideas to some words, and false ideas to others, they do become important from these associations. For example, for a Chaplain in a Masonic Lodge to address the Deity as Jupiter would be revolting, because we associate with the name Jupiter a set of ideas very opposite to those which we associate with the name of God.

In truth, the conceptions of Deity entertained by different peoples can be clearly seen in the very names they use for God, or for the gods. In classic mythology, the names of the gods Jupiter, Hercules, Venus, Apollo, Ceres, Juno, Belus, Baal, and Moloch, denoted either humanitarian worship, the worship of heroes, or the worship of nature under the poetic names of men and women, and the old mythological religions of Greece and Rome never rose above the worship of heroes and of nature. It was therefore not a *lifting* religion, for men had no ideas above themselves.

The names of Zeus and Jove had a much higher significance, and can only be regarded as relics of that purer faith which men inherited from Noah and his immediate descendants. Zeus is to be identified with the Sanscrit Dyaus, meaning the sky, as we often speak of God as being Heaven, using the over-arching vault of Heaven as his symbol. No doubt it was the degeneration of this idea which we see in the fire and sun worship of ancient Assyria, and in less ancient Persia.

The name of Jove, too, may be a relic of a purer faith, and to be identified with Jehovah, the living God, in opposition to the false deities worshipped by the heathen, which have no existence, but are purely mythical. But we shall speak of this a little further on.

The Hebrews always denoted the Supreme Being by some worthy title; a fact which indicates the purity of their knowledge of His unity and His character. Their names were El or Elohim—the singular and plural of the same noun—meaning the Eternal, Ever-living God. Sometimes it was conjoined to other words, as El Shaddai, the Almighty God. The word Adonai, the Lord, is often employed by the Hebrews, as with Christians, to designate the Divine Being.

The word Theos, the Greek word for God, and Deus, the Latin word, are probably identical in meaning, and are derived from the verb to see. Theos is He who sees, and corresponds with the All-seeing Eye of Masonry, a symbolical name for the Divine Being. These words Theos and Deus run through ancient and modern Greek, as well as the Latin, and are found in modified forms in the French Dieu, the Spanish Dios, the Catalan Deu, the Portuguese Deos, the Italian Iddio, the Welsh Duw, the Gaelic Dia, the Breton Doue, and in many other minor languages. Indeed, there are no words for God which are more universally used than these root words Theos and Deos, the Seeing One.

Our own English word God is a contraction for Good, or the Good. It is confined to the Teutonic languages, being seen in the German Gott, the Dutch God, the Danish and Swedish Gud. It is a very worthy designation of the Deity, and though not especially Masonic, it is constantly employed as a familiar and appropriate descriptive.

The Hebrew name Jehovah is greatly honoured by Masonry as a mystic and grand descriptive of the Supreme Being. It was the revelation to Moses at the burning bush, and that peculiarly sacred name which the Jews would never pronounce; for always in reading the Holy Scriptures they were accustomed to substitute the word Adonai for it. This mystic and majestic name signifies the Eternal Being; Him who was, and is, and is to come. There is also a considerable number of Christian scholars who claim that Jahveh is the true reading, not Jehovah, and that Jahveh means the Coming One, the Messiah, and that therefore wherever the name occurs it has reference to the Messiah promised to Israel. Of all the names by which Freemasonry recognises the Almighty, Jehovah, or Jahveh, is the most solemn and impressive. A great deal of the mystic grandeur and sublimity of Freemasonry gathers about it.

But the most peculiar Masonic name for the Deity is that of the G.A. and the G.G. These are closely allied; the one relating to design, the other to execution. It is a striking thought, that all the names of Deity which have been employed in past or present ages relate exclusively to his existence or to his attributes, and not one to him as the Great Builder of Heaven and earth. God has been known as the Eternal One, as the Seeing One, as the Good One, as the Supreme One, among past and present nations. But Freemasonry adds the expressive and majestic idea that he is the Maker of all: the G.A. and the G.G., and this we regard as the most characteristic of all the Masonic names for God; the most closely allied with the mystic character of the Royal Art. Every Mason, from his very calling and profession as a Temple Builder, should revere him who is the Builder of all, and he should also be a diligent student of His works. The second degree is full of instruction and meaning in this respect, as inciting to a diligent and reverential study of the works of Him who is the G.G. and the G.A.O.T.U.

The arrangements in connection with the constitution of the new Masonic Lodge—Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, No. 1903—which is to take place in the Lecture Hall, Portsmouth, on Wednesday, the 25th instant, are now nearly completed. There will, it is anticipated, be a very large gathering of members of the Craft to witness the inauguration of the new Lodge by the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P. Admission is to be by tickets, with which brethren can be supplied through their respective Lodges, but Masons who do not belong to local Lodges may obtain them on application to the Committee. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught has intimated his intention to be present, as have also the Earl of March, M.P., Senior Grand Warden of England, and other distinguished members of the Craft. The company at the banquet, which is to be held at the Volunteer Artillery Headquarters, will, it is thought, number about two hundred. Lord Charles Beresford, W.M. of the new Lodge, will preside. The catering has been entrusted to Bro. W. Maybour, of Butcher-street, Portsea, who will have the assistance of a number of the members of the Lodge as Stewards.—*Portsmouth Times.*

We beg to acknowledge, with many thanks, the receipt, from Mr. George Pickworth, of 6 Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster, S.W., of copy of a portrait of Bro. Magnus Ohren P.G.A.D. of C. It is an admirable likeness of our worthy brother, being very life-like, and artistically executed into the bargain. Evidently the greatest possible care has been bestowed on its production, and it must be indeed gratifying to the large circle of Bro. Ohren's friends and admirers to know that so excellent a portrait of him has been published. We very heartily congratulate the artist on the great success of his labours, and Bro. Ohren on having had his features delineated by one so able as Mr. George Pickworth.

In reference to the worthy brother named above, we are reminded of an omission that occurred in our Report of the proceedings of Grand Chapter. Comp. Magnus Ohren was in attendance, both *before* and *in Chapter*, and in fulfilment of his duties as Director of the Ceremonies introduced the new Officers to the Grand Scribe E., and afterwards conducted them to their respective places in Grand Chapter. To those of our readers who are acquainted with Comp. Magnus Ohren, and recognise the zeal he always displays in fulfilling any official duties that may devolve on him, these remarks may perhaps be deemed unnecessary, but we hear it so frequently urged that all that is cared for is the honour of appointment, and that regard is seldom paid to what such appointment necessitates, that we thus notify the omission made by us last week.

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WASHINGTON AS A MASON.

An Oration delivered before St. John's Lodge, No. 1, F. and A.M., Newark, New Jersey, on the occasion of the Eighty-ninth Annual Celebration by that Lodge of the Birthday of Washington, 22nd February 1801, *by Bro. Marshall B. Smith, Past Grand Master of Masons, New Jersey.*

(REPRINTED FROM THE KEYSTONE.)

WORSHIPFUL MASTER AND BRETHREN OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1: Your Lodge, standing at the head of the Roll in this jurisdiction and made venerable by its one hundred and twenty years of history,* has indeed proved faithful to its trust as a Masonic custodian of the memory of Washington. While he still lived and—as we have reason to believe—before any other body of men had instituted this commemoration, your Lodge kept his birthday on the twenty-second of February 1792; and on February twenty-second 1800 it was determined by the Lodge that the 22*d of February* should be for ever observed "for the purpose of solemnizing so great an event as the death of that great and good man." More than fourscore years have passed away, and we are here to keep the letter and the spirit of that resolution.

As we stand to-night in a period nearly three generations removed from the time at which this annual observance originated, there are strong inducements to bring into contrast the two epochs of Masonic history—THEN, and NOW. *Then* there were in the State of New Jersey nine Lodges and a few hundred Masons; *Now* there are one hundred and forty-seven Lodges in active existence, with a membership of some thirteen thousand. *Then*, there was one Lodge in Newark—St. John's; *Now*, there are seventeen Lodges, with a membership of nearly twenty-two hundred. To this brief Masonic retrospect—which I deem a fitting introduction to the chief themes of the evening—permit me to add a few words from the Address of Grand Master Beatty, delivered to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey in 1792,† in which, after enumerating his official visits, he says that he "found the Brethren of St. John's Lodge numerous and respectable, its officers intelligent and active, and the members zealously attached to the principles of Masonry. He mentions with particular pleasure the growing state, good order, and symmetry of this Lodge."

Such was Masonry in Newark, and such was St. John's Lodge in the year 1792. I am not here, however, to rehearse the history of this venerable mother of Lodges, or to remind you how its records link together the Masonic life of pre-revolutionary and post-revolutionary times. My work, to night, lies not among the illustrious names upon your Roll of those who have held high social, civil or religious position, and at the same time have shared in the labours or ruled in our ancient Craft; or among names equally worthy of reverence, representing as they do the less conspicuous but not less useful parts of our Mystic Temple.

It is not within the lines marked out for me this evening, to tell of the wondrous growth of this City, of the Commonwealth, and of the Republic: of the wondrous revelations of science, the progress of human thought, and the marvellous triumphs of mechanical skill and industrial art; or of the temporary eclipse of our Institution; and the baptism of blood which sealed our Nation's unity; in these fourscore-and-ten years of life and of commemoration. These wonderful things of the century, are the structures which the hand of man—guided, strengthened and blessed by the great Artificer of the Universe—has reared. These great achievements and great thoughts are the outgrowth of germs planted and fostered into growth under the Mind of God. Our theme to-night is a human illustration of what may grow out of such germs of thought, and life, and truth, as those from whence came, under God, all the wonders of the century that now is.

The first commemoration of Washington by this Lodge had reference to the *date of his birth*; the subsequent commemorations on the same date were to have reference, as the Resolution shows, to the *event of his death*; but the real thing to be remembered, was that which lay between these two—a useful, elevated, heroic, noble, and symmetrical life. It was not only the *Man*—hero, patriot, and in the proper sense of the word gentleman, though he was—but the *Craftsman*, a Brother not ashamed of the Mystic Tie, that your Masonic and patriotic fathers would have the men of their day and the men of our day to honour and reverence. It is with his Masonic history, therefore, that we have principally to do on this occasion; a part of his life no less authentically attested by undeniable proofs than the better known features, but too frequently ignored by his biographers. The graceful pen of Irving, and the strong hand of Chief Justice Marshall, himself a distinguished Craftsman, have invested the public and private life of Washington with all the interest of romance; the records of the Nation have kept his Civic and Military services from oblivion; and the chief events of his Masonic history are written in the scattered, though sacredly preserved records and archives of many Grand and Subordinate Lodges.

George Washington, I need scarcely remind you, was born in Virginia, in the year 1732. We need not dwell upon the early events and legends of his youth, so well known to every American schoolboy, but may proceed at once to review his Masonic record.

"Before Washington came to manhood," says Brother Sydney Hayden, "a Lodge had been organized in Fredericksburg, under authority from Thomas Oxnard, Provincial Grand Master of Boston, whose authority also extended over all the English Colonies in America; and in 1752, when Washington sought admission to this Lodge, its officers were Daniel Campbell, Master; John Neilson, Senior Warden; and Dr. Robert Halkerson, Junior Warden." * *

"The records of Fredericksburg Lodge show the presence of Washington, for the first time in the Lodge, on the 4th November 5752, leaving no doubt that he was initiated on that day, as on the sixth of November the record continues:

"'Received of Mr. George Washington for his entrance £2: 3.'

"'March 3d, 5753.—George Washington passed Fellow Craft.'

"'August 4th, 5753.—George Washington raised Master Mason.'"‡

You will notice that he was not quite twenty-one years of age when he was initiated; a departure from the general custom, permitted in special cases by the English Law under which he was made a Mason.†

"The old record book of the Lodge is still preserved [*or was up to the time of the late war*], also the Bible on which he was obligated, and the Seal of the Lodge. The Bible is a small quarto volume and bears date 'Cambridge:' printed by John Field, Printer to the University, 1688," ‖ a year memorable in the history of Civil and Religious Liberty in England.

Passing over a period of thirty-six years—a period not without its records and traditions of Masonic interest, but one more especially filled with heroic deeds on the field of battle, and with self-sacrificing labours for the founding of a free Republic—we come down to the year 1788. On the 28th of April in this year, a Warrant was granted by the Grand Lodge of Virginia to Alexandria Lodge, No. 22 (formerly known as No. 39, on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania), with—to use the language of Edmund Randolph, Esq., Grand Master, who issued the Warrant—"Our illustrious and well beloved Brother George Washington, Esquire, late General and Commander-in-Chief of the Forces of the United States of America, and our worthy Brethren Robert McCrea, William Hunter, Jr.," &c., &c., as the first Master and Wardens. On the old records of Alexandria Lodge, which subsequently, by consent of the Grand Lodge, changed its name to "Alexandria Washington Lodge," was the following entry, under date of December 20, 1788: "His Excellency General Washington unanimously elected Master; Robert McCrea, Senior Warden; Wm Hunter, Jr., Junior Warden; Wm. Hodgson, Treasurer; Joseph Greenway, Secretary, &c." § The old Lodge in Alexandria, though unfortunate of late years in the loss of many valuable Masonic Relics, was long the custodian of abundant proofs of the intimate relations of Washington with our Brotherhood.¶

From the long-sought retirement of private life, Washington was called by the Electoral College, echoing the will of the people, to the highest office in the people's gift. His inauguration as the first President of the United States took place in the City of New York, on the 30th April 1789. General Jacob Morton who acted as Chief Marshal on the occasion, and who was Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, and also Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, of New York City, brought the Bible from the altar of his Lodge to the place where the oath was to be taken, and upon it the President was obligated to discharge the high and responsible trust committed to him as the Chief Magistrate of a Nation whose independence had been largely achieved by himself. "A memorial leaf," says Bro. Hayden, "was then folded at the page on which Washington had devoutly impressed his lips; and the volume was returned to St. John's Lodge, and placed again upon its sacred altar. A few years later it was again taken from its resting-place and borne in a solemn procession by the Masonic Brethren of New York City, who met to pay funeral honors to the memory of Washington. It is still in possession of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, who value it highly as a sacred memento."†

The opinion which Washington entertained of Freemasonry may be determined from a letter written by him to the Master, Wardens, and Brethren of King David's Lodge, Newport, Rhode Island. This was in reply to one from them, dated 17th August 1790. He says:—"Being persuaded that a just application of the principles on which the Masonic Fraternity is founded must be productive of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interests of the Society, and to be considered by them as a deserving Brother." In similar terms he replied to an address, dated 2nd May

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* The origin of St. John's Lodge is thus given by M.W. Wm. Silas Whitehead, P.G.M., in his Preface to the reprint of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey: "On the 13th day of May A.D. 1761, a constitutional number of Master Masons, residing in the town of Newark, made application for, and received from, the hands of M.W. George Harrison, Provincial Grand Master of the State of New York, a Warrant, empowering them to enter, pass, and raise candidates for the mysteries of Freemasonry, according to the ancient Constitutions of the Order, the customs and usages of the Craft, and the rules and regulations of the Grand Master, as set forth in his warrant of Dispensation. William Tukey, Esq., was appointed Master; David Jamison, Esq., Senior Warden; James Banks, Esq., Junior Warden; and Lewis Ogden, Secretary. The place first selected for meeting was the Rising Sun Tavern, but it was finally changed to the private residence of the members; the first change being to the house of John Robinson. The original minutes of the Lodge, for three years from its institution, are still in existence in the archives of St. John's Lodge."

† See Reprint of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, page 49.

* Washington and his Masonic Compeers, page 24.

† "No Lodge shall make . . . . any man under the age of twenty-one years, who must be also his own master, unless by a dispensation from the Grand Master or his Deputy.—*English Regulations.*

‡ Hayden, page 25.

§ Hayden, page 124.

‖ These I had the opportunity of examining, when visiting that Lodge while residing near Alexandria, Virginia, during the years 1856, 1857, and 1858.—M. B. S.

¶ Hayden, page 125.

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1791, from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, and to one from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, dated 2nd January 1792.*

To an address from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, dated 29th December 1792, he wrote a reply, in which he said:—"To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy the benevolent design of the Masonic Institution, and it is most fervently to be wished that the conduct of every member of the Fraternity, as well as those publications that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race.

(To be continued.)

* Reprint of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Part II. page 118.

Up to the time of going to press, Bro. Hedges has succeeded in obtaining the services of 254 brethren as Stewards for Wednesday the 18th instant, at the ninety-third anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. This, with the exception of the Festival at which His Royal Highness Prince Leopold presided, is the largest Board of Stewards which has ever acted on behalf of this Charity, and we trust this circumstance, as well as that Sir M. Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., really makes his *début* on the occasion in his new capacity as Prov. Grand Master of Gloucestershire, will have the desired effect of bringing in a grand total for our Battersea little ones.

We are informed that the consecration of the Shadwell Clerke Lodge, No. 1910, which was to have taken place at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on Monday next, the 16th instant, has been postponed till the 10th June, owing to the absence from London of His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

On Friday afternoon, 6th instant, the annual installation meeting of the Royal Lennox Chapter, No. 271, took place in the Masonic Room, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. Companion Thomas Byass was installed as M.E.Z. Other Officers having been selected, the brethren dined together, the banquet being supplied by Mr. D. Mutton, of King's-road.

Bro. George Weige, P.M. 860, with whom will be associated Mr. Eltrincham Kendall, announces a Grand Concert, to be given at the Morley Hall, Hackney, on 23rd inst. A talented body of artistes will assist, and it is anticipated a very agreeable evening's entertainment will result.

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GAIETY.—At 7.5, OPERETTA. At 7.20, LITTLE SENTINEL. At 8.30, FORTY THIEVES.
CRITERION.—At 7.50, BRAVE HEARTS. At 8.45, WHERE'S THE CAT? (Last night.)
VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.45, TOM PINCH. At 9.30, DIVORCE.
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COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall. The brethren present were Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. (in the chair), F. W. Ramsay, S. Rosenthal, R. B. Webster, John J. Berry, J. Joyce Murray, Richard Morris, D.D., H. Massey, Don. M. Dewar, Abner Torkington, Henry Venn, Herbert Dicketts, C. F. Matier, F. Adlard, Alfred Williams, Richard Tyrrell, W. Maple, L. Ruff, George Plucknett, George J. Gillard, J. B. Lemaitre, W. H. Perryman, John Palmer, George Motion, W. Pass, S. V. Cooper, H. S. Goodhall, and F. Binckes Secretary. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes the report of the Audit Committee was read and received. The Secretary stated that advertisements with reference to the scheme for a Preparatory School had been prepared. One petition for placing a boy on the list of candidates for election was received, and an outfit of £5 was granted to a former pupil. It was also resolved to petition Parliament against the Lord Chancellor's Charitable Trusts Acts Amendment Bill, which is designed to vest the control of all charities in the Charity Commissioners, and, as it was stated, give them a power, without appeal, over at least £100,000,000. Bro. Binckes afterwards read the new questions he had drafted, in accordance with the wish of the Committee, to be answered by petitioners for placing boys on the list of candidates for the Institution. The Committee approved of these questions, and also of the brethren nominated for the House and Audit Committees for the ensuing year. The Committee then adjourned.

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COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present—Bros. Colonel Creaton (in the chair), C. A. Cottebrune, S. Rawson, G. Bolton, W. Clarke, J. Brett, G. Penn, Thomas Cubitt, F. Adlard, Thomas Goode, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, J. A. Farnfield, John G. Stevens, Edgar Bowyer, Raynham W. Stewart, Jabez Hogg, Henry G. Warren, A. H. Tattershall, L. Stean, H. J. Strong, M.D., and James Terry Secretary. The minutes of 13th April were verified. The Secretary reported the death of two annuitants. The Warden's Report for the past month was read, and the Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for the ensuing quarter. A draft Report of the progress of the Institution was submitted for the Annual General Meeting and approved. A list of attendances of the Committee of Management for the past year was examined, and the three brethren who have to retire by rotation were nominated for re-election. A plan for the proposed enlargement of the Hall at the Institution, Croydon, was submitted, and after considerable discussion was carried unanimously. A petition against the Charitable Trust Bill was read, and directed to be presented to the House of Lords. It was also decided to take on additional annuitants at the election of next Friday. The Committee then adjourned.

CITY OF LONDON ORCHESTRAL UNION.

IN accordance with announcement made last week, the second Grand Evening Concert of the season 1880-81 was given in the Albion Hall, London Wall, E.C., on Wednesday last. The orchestra of 40 performers, under the conductorship of Bro. G. T. H. Seddon, played the following Selections: 1. Overture—"Don Giovanni"—Mozart; 2. Entr' Actes—No. 1, B minor, No. 2, B flat major, "Rosamunde"—Schubert; 3. Andante—"Symphony in A" (Italian), Pilgrim's March—Mendelssohn; 4. Grand Selection—"Martha"—with solos for flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, horn, cornet, euphonion and trombone. Each of these pieces was well rendered, No. 2 deserving especial praise. No. 4 brought forth the entire strength of the Orchestra. The Selection commences with the opening movement of the Overture, 3-4, introducing, by a short oboe cadenza, the second movement, 9-8; which contains some beautiful 4th string passages for the violins. Still following the overture, the third movement is given out by the brass, interrupted by an elaborate flute cadenza, the subject being afterwards repeated by the full Orchestra. A second oboe cadenza leads up to "The Last Rose of Summer," assigned to the oboe, which is followed by a third cadenza, leading to a "fanfare" movement ending with a florid cadenza for clarinet. A beautiful introduction of 12 bars for flutes, oboes, clarinets, bassoons and horns precedes the cornet solo, "M'Appari," and a vigorous 6-8 passage follows, after which the famous "Beer Song," is given by euphonion and trombone. A recurrence to "The Last Rose of Summer," this time by full Orchestra, concludes the selection. The respective solo portions were entrusted to Messrs. Toussaint (flute), Shuckard (oboe), Hunter (clarinet), Snell (bassoon), R. Johnson (horn), Pringuer (cornet), J. Johnson (euphonion), and Kennedy (trombone). The care and precision with which this selection was interpreted, by all engaged, speaks volumes for the good feeling displayed and the energy thrown into their work by the members of this distinguished Amateur Musical Society. The Second Part comprised: 5. Overture—"Si j'etais Roi"—Adolphe Adam; 6. Bolero Espagnole—"Cadiz"—Bosisio, with flute, clarinet and cornet obbligati by Messrs Toussaint, Hunter and Pringuer; 7. Waltz—"Chantilly"—E. Waldteufel; 8. Marche du Sacre—"Le Prophete"—Meyerbeer. The band well sustained the applause they had elicited by their former efforts, and the audience were gratified by the repetition in two or three cases of the final passages. The Vocalists of the evening:—Madame Blanche Owen, who contributed: Song—"In the Gloaming"—Lady A. Hill; Canzonetta—"Through the Wood"—C. E. Horn; Song—"Never Parted"—Langton Williams; Ballad—"Twickenham Ferry"—Marzials; and Bro. George Weige, who sang "Speed on my Bark," and the German Student's drinking song—"In Cellar Cool"—must have been intensely gratified at the reception accorded them. We regret to add, however, that the state of health of our Bro. Weige is not quite what his many friends would like to see him in the enjoyment of.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE YARBOROUGH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 554.

THIS anniversary festival was celebrated at Bro. Walter's, Green Dragon, Stepney, on the 3rd inst. Bro. G. W. Walter W.M. 554 presided, and was assisted by Bro. W. Cross (in the vice-chair) Hon. Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction. Ample justice having been done the excellent fare provided by the host, the usual Loyal and Craft toasts were introduced, among others being the neighbouring Lodges, the Mother Lodge, the Officers, the Masonic Press, &c. The proceedings were most harmonious and enjoyable, and many capital songs were given. Bro. Lineker S.D. 554 favoured the company with a capital rendering of "The Charge of the Light Brigade," and Bro. Stephens a popular ballad, "Told to the Missionary," both of which gave great satisfaction. After spending a most successful evening, the brethren separated at a reasonable hour.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—With the changing season it is prudent for all to rectify any ailment afflicting them; but it is incumbent on the aged suffering under ulceration and similar debilitating causes, to have them removed, or worse consequences will follow. This Ointment is their remedy; on its powers all may confidently rely; it not simply puts their sores out of sight, but extirpates the source of mischief, extracts the corroding poison, and stimulates nature to fill up the ulcer with sound, healthy granulation, that will abide through life. Under this treatment bad legs soon become sound, scorbutic skins cast off their scales, and scrofulous sores cease to annoy. Such hope for the diseased was unknown in former days.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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NORTHERN COUNTIES LODGE, No. 406.

THE fiftieth anniversary and installation festival of this Lodge was celebrated on the 25th April, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge had been invited to attend the festival, and a great many of them honoured the Lodge meeting with their presence. Lodge was opened at three o'clock p.m. by Bro. R. G. Salmon P.G.A.D.C. W.M., assisted by the following Officers:—Bros. John Page I.P.M., R. W. Sisson as S.W., S. M. Harris J.W., John Ridsdale P.M. Treasurer, G. Dunford Secretary, J. S. B. Bell S.D., A. Hume J.D., R. G. Sisson I.G., Bilbie Steward, and G. S. Sims Tyler. There was also a large array of Past Masters and Visitors. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, and the report of the Finance Committee read and adopted, the I.P.M., Bro. Page, assumed the chair, when Bro. T. Anderson P.G. Treasurer presented Bro. R. G. Salmon P.M. W.M. elect for the benefit of re-installation. This ceremony was performed in the most perfect and correct manner by Bro. Page. The customary formalities having been gone through, the new W.M. appointed and invested the following Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. John Page I.P.M. D.C., S. M. Harris S.W., G. Dunford J.W., John Ridsdale P.M. Treasurer, J. S. B. Bell Secretary, R. G. Sisson S.D., R. W. Sisson J.D., Bilbie I.G., Duncan McDonald S.S., William Mare Lion J.S., and G. S. Sims Tyler. The customary addresses were impressively delivered by the Installing Master, and the Lodge was then closed. The brethren, about fifty in number, adjourned to the Royal Turk's Head Hotel, where they sat down to a sumptuous banquet, well served, and complete in every appointment. Full justice having been done to the many good things which were placed before the brethren, and grace said, the W.M. rose to submit the first toast, one that was always well received amongst Masons. The Queen having been duly honoured, the W.M. gave the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales. He had filled the high office he held with credit to himself and entire satisfaction to the Craft. He called on the brethren to drink the health of the Prince and the rest of the Officers of Grand Lodge. In proposing the health of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Earl Percy, and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Worshipful Master said that this toast came a little nearer home; for their Provincial Grand Master they had a nobleman second to none in the country, and when he mentioned his Deputy, and looked around on all the Provincial Grand Officers, he (the W.M.) was sure they had cause to be proud. With this toast the W.M. coupled the names of Bros. Cooper P.G.J.W. and Nichol Provincial Grand Chaplain. Bro. Cooper suitably replied, and Bro. Nichol expressed the pleasure it gave the Provincial Grand Officers to visit the Lodge on that occasion, it being, as they were all aware, the jubilee of that time-honoured Lodge. Bro. T. J. Armstrong proposed the next toast—The Marquis of Londonderry Provincial Grand Master of Durham and the Grand Officers of that Province. In doing so he regretted their noble Brother was not present at the Lodge meeting. With this toast he would couple the name of a brother who had been his father in Masonry, and who had gained the esteem and respect—he might say affection—of all who had the privilege of knowing him; he meant Bro. E. Davis P.P.G.S.W. It was only necessary to ask him for advice on any point, and he would freely give it, and those who did not follow such advice would be sure in the end to find themselves in the wrong. The toast was drunk amid loud applause. Bro. Davis thanked the brethren for the compliment they had paid the Province of Durham, and dwelt on the unanimity that existed between the two Provinces. It was now forty years since he first visited the Northern Counties Lodge. Comparing that visit with the present one, it was a pleasure to him to witness the difference. Bro. Page I.P.M. then assumed the gavel, and brought the health of the W.M. under notice, complimenting Bro. Anderson on his worthiness for the post; he hoped that he might have a prosperous year, and preside over a contented and united Lodge. In reply, the W.M. thanked the brethren for the manner in which his health had been received. Many able Masters had presided over them, and he felt it an honour to be one on the list. Before sitting down he would ask the brethren to fill their glasses and drink the health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master Bro. John Page. This toast having been suitably responded to, the W.M. then submitted the names of the Past Masters of the Lodge, calling on Bro. John Ridsdale P.M. Treasurer, and Bro. R. L. Armstrong P.M. P.G.R. to respond. Brother Ridsdale expressed the pleasure they had had in seeing the installation ceremony so perfectly worked. Brother Armstrong hoped the W.M. would hand the warrant of the Lodge down to his successor in the same manner he now received it. The next toast on the list was that of the Visitors; this was responded to by Brother G. J. Charlton P.M. 1664, and Brother J. G. Taylor P.M. The Past and Present Officers received their meed of praise, which was acknowledged by Brother S. M. Harris S.W., who joined in the hope that the ensuing year would be one of prosperity and harmony for the Lodge. The Masonic Charities found an excellent pleader in Bro. R. L. Armstrong, and Bro. E. D. Davis responded. In course of some well directed remarks on Charity he said he was not pleading for himself, but on behalf of the oppressed, the helpless, and the destitute. The Tyler's toast brought to a close a pleasant evening, enlivened by songs and recitations, rendered by Bros. Fergerson, G. S. Dean, Dunford, J. Page and S. M. Harris. Amongst the visitors present were Brothers E. D. Davis P.P.G.S.W., T. Anderson P.G. Treasurer, J. Cook P.P.G.S.W., H. Hotham P.P.G.S.W., Rev. T. B. Nichol P.G. Chaplain, R. L. Armstrong P.G.R., G. Cockburn P.P.G.R., R. T. Cook P.P.G.S.D. (Durham), T. Robson P.G.J.W., J. Montgomery P.G.A.P., J. G. Taylor P.G.P., T. Armstrong 1626, G. J. Charlton P.M. 1664, H. E. Wilson P.M. 1664, J. Wood I.P.M. 406, D. Broadhurst P.M. 406, M. Bell 1712. The Worshipful Master received a very courteous letter from Earl

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Percy the Provincial Grand Master, regretting his inability to be present, as he was out of town. Letters of apology were also received from the following P.G. Officers:—L. M. Cockcroft D.P.G.M., G. Bolam P.G.S.W., B. J. Thompson P.G.S., John Braithwaite P.G.S.D., R. H. Holmes P.P.G.S.W., and J. S. Wilson P.P.G.J.W.

LOYAL WYE LODGE, No. 1807.

THE annual meeting of the members of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Builth, on the 5th instant, when Bro. William Williams was installed into the chair of K.S. There was a large attendance of members. The Officers present were Bros. H. C. Rich W.M. and P.M. 651, J. W. Coulthard S.W., Wm. Williams J.W., Wm. Gordon Williams Chaplain, B. Davies Treas., J. A. Whittle W.M. 65 Secretary, Wm. Price S.D., H. V. Thomas J.D., and A. Truscott I.G. The following brethren were also present—Marmaduke Tennant D.P.G.M. for South Wales Eastern Division, J. E. Prothero Past P.G.C. for South Wales Western Division, John Jones Prov. G. Secretary, Geo. Allen W.M. 1323, T. L. Lewis 651, J. G. Hall Past P.S.G.W., Rowland Thomas 364, H. M. Bradford 1323, H. C. Rich jun. 651, E. H. Teale 651, and E. T. Edwards 651. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, in his usual efficient manner. The newly-installed Master invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. H. C. Rich I.P.M., Wm. Price S.W., H. V. Thomas J.W., Wm. Gordon Williams Chaplain, B. Davies Treasurer, J. W. Coulthard Secretary, B. Davies S.D., G. J. Woods J.D., Jno. Phillips Organist, A. Truscott I.G., A. Gwynne Vaughan and Hugh Bennett Stewards, and John Jones Tyler. On the motion of the W.M. it was resolved to minute a vote of thanks to Bros. H. C. Rich I.P.M. and J. A. Whittle, for the services they had rendered to the Lodge since its consecration two years ago, and that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. H. C. Rich, and that both these brethren be appointed honorary members of the Lodge. The Lodge having been closed the brethren adjourned to the Lion Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet had been prepared by Brother James. The usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Bro. T. Lawrence Lewis 651 presided at the organ. The organ, which is a valuable one, is the gift of Bro. Geo. John Woods, who has also presented to the Lodge a set of new furniture.

PANMURE CHAPTER, No. 780.

THE installation meeting of this Chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, S.E., on Monday, the 9th inst., when, there being no other business before the Chapter, the newly-appointed Principals were installed into their respective chairs with full ceremonial, and addresses by Ex. Comp. James Stevens P.Z. and Scribe E. The Principals for the year are Ex. Comps. Richard Noliss Field M.E.Z., Samuel Poynter H., and Thomas Meggy J. On the completion of the installation ceremony the Officers were invested, viz.:—Ex. Comp. James Stevens P.Z. Scribe E., Comps. B. R. Bryant Scribe N., J. W. Watts P.S., J. S. Terry 1st A.S., H. Baldwin 2nd A.S. Ex. Comp. Henry Smith was invested as Treasurer, and Comp. John Gilbert as Janitor. A vote of congratulation to Ex. Comp. H. C. Levander Grand Sword Bearer (one of the oldest members of the Chapter), on his promotion to Grand Chapter honours, was cordially passed, and suitably acknowledged by that distinguished Companion. The thanks of the Chapter were also voted to the Installing Principal, Comp. Stevens, for his able and effective rendering of the entire ceremony. The Auditor's report and balance sheet were favourably received and adopted. Two members of the Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, were proposed for exaltation at the ensuing meeting, and, nothing further offering, the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to banquet. The evening's proceedings were greatly enlivened by the vocal services of Comps. Wilkins, Arnold, Baldwin, Stevens, and Meggy, and the usual harmonious good-fellowship which characterises this Chapter was fully maintained. Amongst the P.Z.'s present were Ex. Comps. R. H. Harvey and Mark S. Larlham. Comp. Edward Harrison, of the Lewes Chapter, No. 1186, responded to the toast of the Visitors. After a most agreeable evening the Companions separated, well satisfied with the business of the day and the future prospects of the Chapter.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554.—At the meeting, at the Green Dragon, Stepney, E., on the 10th inst. Bros. J. Taylor W.M., A. Wood S.W., J. R. Shingfield J.W., G. H. Stephens Deacon, Smith I.G., T. J. Barnes P.M. Preceptor, W. Cross, Honorary Secretary, &c. Lodge having been duly opened, Bro. Cross answered all necessary questions; Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing was ably rendered. The brethren availed themselves of the presence of Bro. Barnes to ascertain the meaning and bearing of many points of the ritual, a course, we think, far more advantageous than simply to hurry through the ceremony. Lodge was closed in the second degree and the W.M. worked the third and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. A. Wood was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 11th May, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Bros. W. Ferguson W.M., J. Early Danks I.P.M., E. J. Blackwell S.W., R. Dowsett J.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, Rev. C. R. Honey S.D., J. H. Hawkes J.D., W. J. Browne D.C., W. Ravenscroft Steward, R. C. Prickett I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Pulley, Brown, Margrett, Welch; Bros. Whitfield, Weatherhead, Coates, Vowles, Wort, H. Ferguson, James Greenaway, Parkes, Rhind, Goff; Visitors—Bros. Fisher Alfred 340 and St. Hilda 1887 Secretary, Sherwood 414, Tarrant 1158, Rayner 414, Evans 526, Bluett 261 P.P.J.G.W. Somerset, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. After Lodge had been advanced, Bros. Parkes and Coates, candidates for the third degree, replied satisfactorily to the usual questions, and were entrusted. After these brethren had retired, Lodge was opened in the third degree. Bros. Parkes and Coates were re-admitted and raised to the sublime degree of M.M. On resuming to first degree, the I.P.M. called the attention of the brethren to the Stewardship of the W.M. at the approaching Festival of the R.M.I.B., and expressed a hope that he might be well supported by contributions, and that his list would bear a favourable comparison with that of his predecessors in the chair. The W.M. informed the members that it required only five guineas to make the Master of the Lodge a Vice President; he thought that by placing the P.G.L. vote of five guineas in the name of the Master, the Lodge vote of ten guineas might be placed in the name of the J.W., as the S.W. was already a Life Governor. The consideration of the subject will be renewed at the next Lodge. After the customary salutations and formalities Lodge was closed.

Beacontree Lodge, No. 1228.—A meeting of the above Lodge took place on Wednesday, 11th May, at 5 p.m., at the Red Lion Rooms, in the pretty suburban village of Leytonstone, with Bro. Pigé in the chair. J. Allinson S.W., C. Vile Treasurer, J. Gullichon J.W., J. Reed S.D., W. Helmor I.G., P.M.'s Richards, Dobbs, Thark, Alcock, Angel and Turner. Minutes were read and confirmed. Proposed and carried unanimously that the Lodge should meet in the winter instead of the summer, and that a Committee be formed to revise the Bye-Laws. Lodge closed at 6 p.m., when the brethren retired to a sumptuous banquet, prepared for them by Bro. Barford P.M., to which they did full justice. Visitors—Bros. Dr. Corrie Jackson W.M. 534 Polish National, Edenger P.M. Eastern Star, A. Meads S.D. Good Fellowship, J. Britton Yarborough. Bro. Alcock P.M. said he thought it wise to make this a winter, instead of a summer Lodge, and that he and the other P.M.'s would always be most happy to afford instruction to any of the junior members.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1339.—Held at Brother Pavitt's, the Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday last. Bros. Pavitt W.M., Smith S.W., Barker J.W., Peterken S.D., Ives J.D., Browne I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Musto Preceptor; Bros. McGeorge, Brownsom, MacGregor, Watkins, Bailey, Roddam, Wyles, Tabor, P.M. Myers, &c. Lodge was opened in due form and minutes were read. Bro. Tabor answered the necessary questions, and the Lodge opened in the second degree, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Worsley worked the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the Lecture. Bro. Tabor of Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, was elected a member. Bro. Smith W.M. 860, will occupy the chair on Tuesday next, and will rehearse the third ceremony. The installation ceremony will be rehearsed here on Tuesday, 31st inst., by the well-known P.M. and Preceptor Bro. Myers. We would recommend a visit on this evening. This Lodge of Instruction is now increasing in numbers every week, a result of the excellent working of those associated in its management. Those brethren who require instruction will find the Preceptor ever ready to impart the same to any member of the Craft desirous of getting on.

Old England Lodge, No. 1790.—At the monthly meeting of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath, on Monday, the 9th inst., Bros. Foulsham I.P.M. P.P.G. J.W. Northumberland officiated as W.M., in the absence of Bro. Buckworth; Harland S.W., Pascall J.W., Whittaker S.D., Shonfeld J.D., Baber Secretary, Sargeant I.G., Bavin Tyler, Daniel P.M., Fleming, Clarke, White, Ranson, Legg, Ridpath, Sparrow, Haskins, and Tutton; Visitor Bro. Ridge J.W. 463. After preliminaries, Messrs. James Burnham and W. Hinson were balloted for, elected, and presented for initiation; the ceremony was performed by the W.M. Bro. Haskins was then questioned, and passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. Tutton answered the questions, and was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The Lodge having been closed to the first degree, the byelaws were read by the Secretary, and it was announced that five brethren were eligible for the office of W.M. for the ensuing year; the election, however, was unanimous in favour of Bro. Harland S.W. Bro. Foulsham was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Bavin Tyler for the ensuing year. Bro. Harland, in thanking the brethren for their unanimous vote, said that, as a young Mason, he would use his best endeavours to deserve the trust they had reposed in him. He would be as constant in his attendance as it was possible, and hoped during his year of office, with the assistance of the Officers, to give satisfaction. Bro. Foulsham, as one of the founders of the Lodge with Bro. Harland, could not keep silent on this occasion; he was sure that when Bro. Harland was installed as W.M. of Old England Lodge, he would give satisfaction, and perform his duties in accordance with the wishes of the brethren, who must know something of his working, or they would not be so happy in their unity. Personally he would give Bro. Harland all the assistance in his power. The Lodge being one of his creation, he did not mind what labour he might be called upon to do to further the interests of a Lodge of which he was so proud. The Audit Committee was appointed, and a gentleman proposed for initiation. After hearty good wishes had been expressed by Bros. Daniel and Ridge, Lodge was closed in due form.

Northern Counties Lodge No. 406.—The first meeting since the installation took place on the 4th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. R. G. Salmon P.G.A.D.C., assisted by the following Officers—John Page I.P.M., S. M. Harris S.W., G. Dunford J.W., John Ridsdale P.M. Treasurer, J. S. B. Bell Secretary, R. W. Sisson S.D., G. W. Sisson, J.D., Duncan McDonald as I.G., W. M. Lion J.S., and G. Sims Tyler. There being no business of any importance the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

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FREEMASONRY IN PHILADELPHIA..

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have been favoured with a letter from Bro. Jacob Norton, in which he very kindly encloses transcript of one of the many so-called exposures of Masonry which have, from time to time, been published. This particular exposure appeared in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, 8th December 1730, and the introduction gives one the idea that the body of the document must be one and the same with that which was described some time last year by Bro. A. in the columns of your contemporary the *Freemason*. It reads thus:—

"By the death of a gentleman who was one of the Brotherhood of Free-masons, there has lately happened a discovery of abundance of their secret signes and wonders with the mystic fraternity. The following is a true copy of a manuscript which the deceased had written for the benefit of his own private remembrance, and which was found concealed among his choicest papers in the most hidden part of his cabinet. The world had long admired that in such numerous company, many of them not remarkable for taciturnity, there had been not one found that in his cups or in any other circumstance would discover their mysteries; but the whole appears so childish and ridiculous that this is probably the case,—their grand secret is, that they have no secret at all; and once a man is enter'd, he finds himself obliged to be its defender to carry on the jest with as solemn a face as the rest. We shall not use many words to persuade the public that the following piece is genuine; it carries all the marks of truth in itself. We would only refer the reader to the conduct of the Brotherhood upon occasions; if they ridicule it, or look grave upon it, he may be satisfied it is the real truth."

Bro. Norton writes, "The above is a transcript of Franklin's introduction to the document discovered" by Bro. A. "in the Guildhall Library, and on comparing with the preface in the original you must become convinced that Franklin was not a Mason in December 1730. I hope, therefore, that Bro. PHILADELPHOS will do me justice by acknowledging publicly that when all things are taken into consideration, there is not a particle of evidence in existence to prove the legality of Pennsylvanian Masonry before 1749."

I am sure Bro. Norton will give me credit for not being so bigoted to my own opinions as to refuse to accept anything in the shape of evidence, even though it should go towards negatising the views I take. But will Bro. Norton have the kindness to point out how the fact of Franklin not being a Mason in December 1730 destroys "the legality of Pennsylvanian Masonry before 1749?" Does it disprove—

(1) The authenticity of the Coxe Deputation in 1730;

(2) That Coxe was present in the Grand Lodge, London, in 1731, and was described as Prov. G. Master of North America;

(3) The accuracy of the announcement in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, of 1732, as to the meeting of brethren in Philadelphia on one or more occasions in that year.

It is very possible, and, I am willing to add, very far from being improbable, that Franklin was not a Mason when he sanctioned the publication, in his own paper, of the exposure to which the above note was meant as an introduction; but, speaking for the moment from memory, I believe he was said, according to the very same *Pennsylvania Gazette*, to have been appointed S.W. in January 1732. Moreover, on the same assumption as before, that Franklin was not a Mason in December 1730, the very same number of the said gazette in which the exposure appeared contained notices that certain Lodges occasionally met in Philadelphia in 1730. There is, too, the further probability that it was because there were Masonic meetings in that year in Philadelphia that Franklin allowed the publication of the exposure—if he were not a Mason—for the purpose of holding it up to ridicule; or, if he were a Mason, to direct the natural curiosity of the Philadelphia public into a wrong channel. The public and the Masons must have enjoyed the joke hugely, and no one of the former could have been a bit the wiser in reality. I must also ask Bro. Norton to concede thus much. Franklin, we will say, not being a Mason in December 1730, sanctioned the publication of this burlesque on Masonry. Would he have sanctioned the announcement in June 1732 of his appointment as Senior Warden had he not been a Mason and so appointed.

There is necessarily much obscurity about the early doings of Freemasonry everywhere, but before I can reject Pennsylvanian Freemasonry before 1749, I must have some further evidence than the not unlikely argument that Franklin when he published this Masonic Burlesque in December 1730 was not a Mason.

Fraternally yours,

PHILADELPHOS.

London, 7th May 1881.

A MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

FROM THE MASONIC REVIEW, APRIL 1881.

THE *Daily Press* contains the following account of a singular murder in Iowa, which may or may not have some connection with the Morgan affair:

The mysterious murder in Iowa of a son of Judge Gillis—so well known to many Philadelphians and Pennsylvanians—brings to mind recollections of a once famous character, and of the famous anti-Masonic excitement, and even gives colour to the suspicion that the death of Morgan is being avenged even at this late day.

As far back as 1820 the attention of Philadelphia capitalists was drawn to the great lumber regions of the north-western part of the State, and among the number was John J. Ridgway, a leading banker of this city. They purchased large tracts of land in what is now Elk county, and held them for many years. At this day Elk county borders on the oil regions, produces large quantities of lumber and coal, contains the largest tanneries in the world, the biggest trout and the most deer and game east of the Rocky Mountains. Philadelphia capital is still largely interested in the products of the county and in the development of its natural resources Philadelphians have made much money. As far back as 1823, when the whole section of the country was an empire of woodland, it sometimes happened that Philadelphia gentlemen spent the summer in travelling over their estates in the backwoods. On these occasions they met a typical frontiersman, who went with them on fishing and hunting excursions. He was an energetic, pushing young fellow of thirty-five, quite well to do in the world, a tanner by trade, and a soldier of the war of 1812, who had suffered in British prisons. He had lived in Western New York and Pennsylvania, knew every foot of ground in the tremendous expanse of forest, and was a shrewd intelligent man. His name was James L. Gillis, and he afterward became a County Judge, a member of the House and Senate at Harrisburg, and finally a member of Congress. In the last generation he was as well known as any man in the State, and he had friends in every part of the Union. After serving in Congress, and acting for two years as Indian Agent for the Pawnee Tribe, Judge Gillis removed to Mt Pleasant, Iowa, where he now resides, nearly one hundred years old.

In 1826 William Morgan was a good for nothing tailor in the town of Batavia, Western New York. He had belonged to the Order of Freemasons, and it became known that, with the assistance of a country editor, he was preparing an exposé of the secrets of the Order. Morgan suddenly disappeared, and it was said was drowned in Lake Ontario. The people of this day can have but little idea of the excitment this case caused. There was almost a rebellion in New York, and the affair gave rise to the formation of the anti-Masonic party, which polled 33,000 votes in New York State in 1828, 70,000 votes in 1829, and 128,000 in 1830. The Presidential candidate of the party carried Vermont in 1832, and defeated the Clay ticket in Ohio and New Jersey. In this State the party almost elected David Ritner Governor in 1832, and did elect him in 1835. At the time of the Morgan excitement James L. Gillis was a prominent Freemason in Western New York, and, with others, was charged with the murder of Morgan. He was tried for the crime but was acquitted.

Judge Gillis had almost forgotten the prominence that was given him in the Morgan matter, when a few years ago one of his sons, Ridgway Gillis, was called to the door of his father's Iowa residence and assassinated. No clue could be found to the perpetrator of the deed, nor could any reason whatever be given for its commission, and it has ever since remained an unfathomable mystery. Now an exactly similar fate has met Judge Gillis' other son, Charles. One evening last week father and son were seated in the parlour of their Mt Pleasant home, when a low knock was heard at the door. Charles Gillis got up and opened the door. The Judge heard a few words of low conversation, and then a ringing pistol shot, a cry of pain from his son, and a heavy fall. Sick and trembling, Judge Gillis rose to his feet, and staggering into the hall, saw his son lying bleeding on the floor, shot through the heart. He cried for help, and that moment his son's wife, who had been out a few minutes on an errand, ran into the house and stumbled over the dead body of her husband. The assassin was gone, and there is little possibility of discovering him.

The murdered man was not known to have any enemies. As in his brother's case, there was no apparent motive for the crime, and the murderer did his work with the same deadly certainty and escaped. There must have been some terrible incentive for these two brutal murders, and many of Judge Gillis' friends in the East firmly believe the tragedies have a connection with the celebrated Morgan murder or abduction of fifty-five years ago. Many believe the friends of Morgan are visiting vengeance on the head of the venerable Judge Gillis, half a century after his supposed connection with that affair, by murdering his sons.

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The *Times*, August 19th, 1877. From our own Correspondent with the Russian Army. Osoum, July 25th, 1877. The want of sanitary arrangements in the Russian Camp was dreadful, and had we remained there a few weeks longer, dysentery and typhoid fever would have played more havoc in our ranks than the bombs of the Turks. I myself acquired an unenviable reputation as a doctor, owing to my being provided with a small bottle of **CHLORODYNE**, with which I effected miraculous cures.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 14th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1607—Loyalty
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

148—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith
1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

MONDAY, 16th MAY.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
901—City of London, Gresham-street, E.C.
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
331—Phœnix Public Room Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge.
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 17th MAY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
R.A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M.—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
462—Frederick of Unity, Greyhound, Croydon
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Sencombe, Cheshire.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.

WEDNESDAY, 18th MAY.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1237—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)

29—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1208—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1363—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1366—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool (In.)
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
R.A. 1080—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

THURSDAY, 19th MAY.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, E.
11278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Queeen's Hotel, Birkenhead
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1320—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill

FRIDAY, 20th MAY.

Annual General Meeting Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall at Twelve.
House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction.)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1050—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton

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816—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
841—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30.
K.T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

SATURDAY, 21st MAY.

196—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Acacia Lodge, No. 1314.—The regular meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on the 10th inst., at the Bell Hotel, Bromley, under the presidency of Bro. S. Carrington W.M. Bros. J. Harvey S.W., J. Wyer P.M. as J.W., A. Avery P.P.G.R. Kent Treasurer, E. Coste P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Secretary, W. Carrington S.D., Bond J.D., E. Harvey I.G., Kift Organist, Keyse A.D.C. P.M.'s Bros. Seaman P.G.S., J. Wyer. Visitors—Bros. D. H. Jacobs P.M. 27, Jones 27, R. Fowler 754, C. Nott P.M. 87, J. H. Tustin 1627, H. Sharpe 1669, Anley 177, J. Swinyard 1697, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Hawes, and Hartshorn. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Mr. A. G. Winson was balloted for, and duly initiated into the Order. Bro. R. Carrington answered the questions satisfactorily and was raised to the third degree. Both ceremonies were perfectly rendered by the W.M. Bro. Harvey S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. E. Coste P.P.G.D.C. Kent was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Bavin Tyler. The W.M. elect, in an able speech, returned thanks for the honour conferred on him. Some appropriate remarks followed from Bro. A. Avery P.P.G.R. Kent. Bro. Wyer P.M. proposed that a P.M.'s jewel be presented to the retiring W.M., for the able and efficient manner he had upheld the dignity of the Lodge. This was seconded by Bro. Seaman P.M., and carried unanimously. Lodge was then closed until the second Tuesday in July. The brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Sutton. A loving cup was passed round. The same was presented by Bro. S. Carrington W.M. on his installation. The W.M. proposed the usual toasts. In speaking to the toast of the R.W. Viscount Holmesdale P.G.M. of Kent, he said, that as this Lodge was in his province, he hoped to see that distinguished nobleman honour the brethren with his presence. (A Kentish fire was given). The toast of the R.W. D.P.G.M. Bro. Eastes and the rest of the Grand Officers was the next on the list. The W.M. felt it was a great honour to be able to say the Lodge had now had three Provincial Grand Officers belonging to it—Bros. E. Coste, A. Avery, and Seaman. Each of these brethren the members were proud of. Bro. A. Avery responded to the toast. In the course of his remarks, he announced that he was again about to act as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the Anniversary Festival of which Institution would take place on the 18th of May. He hoped he should have the support of the brethren. Bro. Seaman P.M. said it was some time since he was the I.P.M. However, that night he felt a great pleasure in proposing the toast of the W.M. He would repeat the words he had often uttered, Wait and work, and work and wait. That night Bro. Carrington presided over them for the last time. Personally, he (Bro. Seaman) was pleased with him. As one of the Founders of the Lodge he had seen the progress it had made during the last two or three years, and he felt greatly pleased to see the way in which Bro. Carrington had worked the third degree. He would call on the brethren to give a hearty reception to the toast. The P.M.'s, on his retirement, would be pleased to welcome him into their ranks. The W.M., in response, thanked Bro. Seaman for his kind expressions, and expressed himself much gratified at the hearty reception given him by the brethren. He always had an ardent wish to occupy the chair, and when he had secured that position his principal aim was to gain the members' satisfaction. He felt it a great honour to learn that they had proposed that a jewel should be presented him; he would wear it with great pride, as evidencing his having been associated with this Lodge. The words of Bro. Seaman, that the Past Masters would be pleased to welcome him among them, he felt as an additional honour; he would reciprocate by saying, he trusted to be among them for many years. The health of the newly initiated Bro. Winson came next on the list. The W.M. said the toast was a very pleasing one for him to offer; he trusted the step their new brother had taken would never be regretted. Personally he had known Brother Winson for a lengthened period, and he was convinced he would become a credit to the Order. Bro. Winson briefly returned thanks; he had often wished to be made a Mason, and now his wish was realised he hoped he might become a credit to the Acacia Lodge, and indeed to the Craft in general. The next one complimented was the W.M. elect. Bro. Carrington was sure he would fill the chair so as to sustain the credit of the Lodge. He would find the Past Masters would support him. This toast was ably responded to by Bro. Harvey. With the toast of the Visitors was coupled the name of Bro. D. D. Jacobs P.M. 27, who eloquently returned thanks. The toast of the Past Masters followed; the W.M. had spoken of them in a general way, but he now referred to them individually. No better could be found. The brethren had seen how they had assisted him, and they had done the like for his predecessor, and would be ready to do so again. On Bro. Wyer devolved the duty of responding. In the name of the Past Masters, he could say their services would always be at command; they were ready and willing to assist the W.M. to promote the welfare of the Lodge. In speaking of the Officers of the Acacia Lodge, the W.M. made special reference to Bros. Avery Treasurer, and E. Coste P.M. Secretary, whose good qualities were well known. The Wardens and Junior Officers had likewise done their duty ably. Personally, he had to thank them for their kind assistance to him. After Bros. Coste and Harvey had responded, the Tyler's toast was given. In the course of the proceedings some excellent harmony was contributed by Bros. Kift, D. H. Jacobs, and Tremaire. Bros. A. Avery P.M. and Keyes diligently looked after the comforts of the brethren.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—On Monday last, at 7 p.m., at the George Hotel, Australian-avenue, Barbican. Present:—Bros. Catoń W.M., Nell S.W., Herridge J.W., Wing Treasurer, Fox Secretary, Fitch S.D., Newell J.D., Gush Preceptor, Johnson I.G., and several others. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree; Bro. Fox worked the second and third sections; the ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Johnson as candidate. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. Caton, and a vote of thanks was accorded him. Lodge was adjourned till Monday, 16th inst., at 7 p.m.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—Meeting held on Friday, 6th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kewbridge. Bros. Geflowski W.M., Tucker (Treasurer) S.W., Gunner (Hon. Secretary) J.W., C. E. Botley S.D., Monson J.D., Daniell I.G., Gomm P.M., Andrews P.M., Sperring, Maton, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Sperring candidate. Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bro. Daniell retired; Bro. Andrews asked the questions leading to third degree, which were answered by the brethren. Lodge was opened and closed in the third degree, when Bro. Daniell was re-admitted. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Tucker was unanimously elected to fill the chair of K.S. on 13th inst. Lodge was then closed, and the meeting adjourned till 13th inst., at 8 p.m.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, Bros. T. Clark W.M., Christian S.W., Edwards J.W., Glass S.D., Dignam J.D., Smyth I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Carr, Brasted, C. Lorkin, Boyce, Wardell, Polak. The ceremonial work of the evening comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of passing, Bro. Boyce candidate. Bro. Christian worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and regularly closed to first. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the third and fourth sections, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned. Brethren seeking Masonic knowledge will gain all they want by attending. The Lodge is still under the Preceptorship of Bro. P.M. Wallington, and is opened every Tuesday evening throughout the year, at 8 o'clock.

King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—On the 8th inst., at Bro. Devine's, Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, Bros. Snodin W.M., B. Kauffmann S.W., Davis J.W., Devine Treasurer, L. Solomon Secretary, E. Harvey S.D., J. A. Harvey J.D., N. Vallentine I.G., Hemming Preceptor. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The first and fourth sections of the lecture were worked, and then the ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed, Bro. Birrell candidate. The ceremony of passing was next rehearsed, Bro. Silvester as candidate. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Snodin for the perfect and impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremony. The meeting was then adjourned until the following week, at 7 o'clock.

Yarborough and Doric Masonic Charitable Association.—The third anniversary meeting of this association will be held on Tuesday evening, 24th May, at Bro. A. Walter's, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney, at 5.30. A ballot will take place at six, and dinner at seven o'clock. Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933, President of the Association, will preside. Tickets for the dinner (3s 6d each) may be had of Bro. J. G. Stevens P.M. 554, Hon. Secretary, 254 Romford-road, Upton, Essex.

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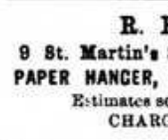
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THE FESTIVAL OF THE MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE Ninety-third Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at the Great Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday evening. Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, occupied the chair, and was supported right and left by Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Provincial Grand Master Middlesex, and Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Provincial Grand Master West Yorkshire, with other influential brethren. The number of those present, irrespective of the ladies, may be reckoned at 400. The banquet was of the usual character, and, as invariably happens with those which are served at Bro. Best's well-known hostelry, under the able direction of Bro. Dawkins, gave the greatest satisfaction. The Band of the Boys' School did their best to enliven the proceedings during dinner, and there was the customary Concert in the Temple afterwards, under the direction of Madame Thaddeus Wells. These matters, however, are sufficiently described in the report we give of the whole proceedings in another column; so that we shall not be at the trouble of more than recapitulating them here. Neither shall we attempt anything like our regular Analysis of the Subscription List, having regard to the lateness at which it of necessity reaches us. We shall content ourselves with a few comments of a general character.

It must be allowed that the Festival which is just past has proved a greater success than very many were led to expect, and on this ground, if on no other, we should feel it our duty to congratulate the Chairman, the Board of Stewards, and the Secretary, Bro. Hedges, on the result of their joint efforts. We have already said that the appearance of Sir M. Hicks-Beach, in the character of Chairman on this occasion, would have to be regarded as his maiden effort as a chosen leader among Craftsmen, and we are glad it is in our power to record that this effort has proved of such advantage to the Girls' School. The Board of Stewards mustered exactly 260 strong, a number which, albeit inferior to that of last year, is, as we remarked last week, greater than it has ever been at any previous Festival. The fact that the total of the subscriptions, as announced by Bro. Hedges, was as nearly as possible £11,500, shows how well and worthily the brethren who gave their services on this Board must have exerted themselves, in order to have realised so capital a sum, while Bro. Hedges cannot be otherwise than satisfied that, at the three Festivals which have occurred since his appointment to the post of Secretary, he has been able to announce results amounting in the aggregate to over £36,800, or rather more than an average of £12,266 per Festival. We do not always agree with our worthy brother's policy. There are those who think he would do better to follow the example which has been pursued so successfully by his brother Secretaries. But we should act most unjustly if we thought for one moment of withholding from him the great praise to which he is so justly entitled. If we are to judge, as is done in other cases, of Bro. Hedges's pudding by the eating, it cannot be denied it is a most excellent composition. That he should have scored, as he has, within a few months of Bro. Terry's great achievement, and maintained his reputation so well as to be almost level with the result of his first Festival, and, all circumstances considered, so close up to what it was last year, when Prince Leopold presided, is very greatly to his credit. We trust he will always have as excellent a record to point to.

We have said we have no intention in the present instance of attempting anything like an analysis of the List. We cannot, however, allow this opportunity to pass without offering our special congratulations to the Province of Gloucestershire. We have pointed out that it is but a modest Province—modest, that is to say, as to the number of its Lodges, and the extent of its membership. It has but fourteen Lodges, and its subscribing members, all told, are but 578, but it commissioned no less than twenty-four Stewards, and these among them made up a total of £1,000. From the Report we publish of the Installation of Sir M. Hicks-Beach, it will be seen that the amount it was said the Province had raised was over £700, and on the motion of the new Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the further sum of £35 was voted out of the Grand Lodge funds. It was resolved this should be still further increased, and ultimately the amount we have stated was made up. This may be justly set down as about the grandest Provincial effort on record. Fourteen Lodges—twenty-four Stewards—£1,000. Nothing more than this need be said, at all events in this number. London has done well, with its one hundred and fourteen Stewards, and its contribution of £5,374 7s 6d, while the Provinces, omitting Gloucestershire, have sent up £4,884 17 4d, these amounts making up the sum we announced at first, namely, not so very far short of £11,500. We may as well note, however, that for all its brilliant efforts in February, West Yorkshire is well up to the mark, with a list of subscriptions amounting in all to £500. But we are forgetting our determination not to attempt anything analytical, and if we continue in this strain we shall find ourselves launched upon a full-length sketch, to which, at so short a notice, and with so little time for preparation, we are hardly likely to do justice. We repeat, that we are well satisfied with the result of Wednesday's proceedings, and we renew our congratulations to all who have had a share in producing so excellent a result.

THE REPORT OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

WE publish in another part of our columns the report which was yesterday submitted to and approved by the General Committee of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The salient features are worth noting. The total amount of the subscriptions at the Festival in February, when R.W. Bro. Sir H. Edwards, Bart., P.G.M. West Yorkshire, occupied the chair, is stated as £14,360. The number of annuitants during the past year was 150 males and 155 females, and it has been agreed to increase these to 155 males and 160 females, or together, 315; while there are likewise fourteen widows in receipt each of the half of her late husband's annuity, so that the outlay on this account to which the Institution is committed now amounts to £11,600. The number of vacancies originally to be balloted for at yesterday's election was thirteen men and seven widows, and the number of approved candidates was thirty-seven men and sixty-one women. Seven men and three widows have died in the interim, so that with the additional five men and five women agreed to be elected, the number to be balloted for were twenty-five men by thirty-seven candidates, and fifteen widows by sixty-one candidates. The result of the contest will be found elsewhere in the present number.

The accounts speak for themselves. The total Receipts Male Fund, including a Balance forward of £4,023 1s,

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amount to £15,576 12s 5d. The Disbursements, including £2,000 "Placed at Call," and for purchase of stock £1,976 5s, reach £10,841 17s 5d, leaving a balance to the good of £4,734 15s. On the Widows' Fund the Receipts, with Balance forward of £2,035 3s 8d included, amount to £10,588 3s 11d, while the Disbursements, among which will be found £1,000 "Placed at Call," are £7,244 17s 10d, so that the Balance in hand is £3,343 6s 1d. If to these be added the Balance of £34 16s 4d on the Sustentation Fund, the Total Balance will be found to be no less than £8,112 17s 5d. The total Stock to the credit of the Institution is £60,525, the interest on which is £2,722 19s 11d. These sums are thus distributed—Male Fund, Stock £36,950, interest £1,681 18s; Widows' Fund, Stock £22,575, interest £1,011 1s 11d; Sustentation Fund Stock £1,000, interest £30. More satisfactory evidence than this it is impossible to wish for, in order to show the progress made by an Institution which even now has not been in existence more than thirty-nine years. We have no doubt that with the skilful management which has been shown during the last few years, this prosperous state of things will continue.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

ON Tuesday, 31st instant, will be held the Summer Half-yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown. It is expected the meeting will be an unusually brilliant one, not only from the distinguished brethren of the Degree, who, in all probability, will be present and take part in the proceedings, but likewise because it is now just five-and-twenty years since the Grand Mark Lodge, with Lord Leigh as its first Grand Master, was established. Every one of the brethren who has since occupied the Mark throne, has been also a distinguished Craft Mason. Lord Leigh, it must be remembered, was chosen Grand Mark Master Mason as being a staunch Constitutional Mason, and was, as he is still, Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire. His several successors, who all happily remain among us in full bodily and Masonic vigour, include among Craft celebrities, Bros. Viscount Holmesdale Prov. Grand Master Kent, W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master Hants and Isle of Wight, the Rev. G. Raymond Portal, the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master and Prov. Grand Master Somersetshire, the Earl Percy, M.P., Prov. Grand Master Northumberland, the Earl of Limerick Prov. Grand Master Bristol, and the Earl of Lathom Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire. That under the auspices of these successive distinguished chiefs the Degree has flourished, even, perhaps, beyond the most sanguine expectations of its supporters and well-wishers, must be manifest when we bear in mind that there are over 250 Lodges on the roll of Grand Lodge, with a total subscribing membership of in round figures 12,000. It has its own Benevolent Fund, the annual festival of which may be expected to bring in an ever-increasing amount, which will, at least, not fall short of the proceeds of last year's gathering, when over £560 was subscribed. New Lodges are being occasionally consecrated, several new Provinces have been organised, and there is every reason to expect that its popularity will become greater year by year. Thus, the meeting of the 31st instant will, for the reasons we have specified, be looked forward to with much interest, an interest which will be intensified when we announce to our Mark friends, as we are in a position to do, that not only will the Earl of Lathom Grand Mark Master Mason preside and instal his successor, Lord Henniker Grand Mark Master Mason elect, but it is understood and expected that Lord Holmesdale, Lord Leigh, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and Bro. Rev. G. R. Portal—all Past Grand Masters—will be present, together with the Earl of Kintore, Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., and other influential members of the Order. Of course, the installation of a New Grand Master is an event, which, happening as it does only once in three years, is sure to attract a more than usually strong concourse of brethren. Then the appointment and investiture of Grand Officers lends an additional excitement to those present, and the fact of the outgoing Grand Master being our respected Brother the Earl of Lathom, while the new G. Master elect is the justly popular Lord Henniker, will commensurately increase the importance of Tuesday week's Communication. But above and beyond the different points we have enumerated as being certain to enlist the sympathies of all good Constitutional and Mark Masons, we trust the meeting will be a brilliant success for the sake of Mark Masonry itself, which, if not included as an integral part of Ancient and Accepted Masonry, as defined by the Constitutions of the Craft Grand Lodge of England, is, nevertheless, a worthy and in every respect a reputable degree in Masonry.

THE ANNUAL FETE OF THE MASONIC ORPHAN SCHOOLS, DUBLIN.

WE publish elsewhere a full account of the annual gathering in connection with the Masonic Orphan Schools, Dublin, on Thursday, the 12th instant. His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, Most Worshipful Grand Master, was unavoidably absent, and consequently his place was taken by Bro. R. W. Shekleton, Q.C., Deputy Grand Master, who was numerously supported by the Grand Officers, Masters, and Past Masters, &c., of the Craft, as well as a strong muster of the fair sex, who evinced, as usual, the deepest interest in the proceedings. Moreover, there was the additional attraction that the Countess Cowper, wife of Bro. the Earl of Cowper, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, had graciously arranged to distribute the prizes, and her presence lent an additional charm to the occasion. The proceedings were of a more than usually interesting character. A new building is in course of erection, and we can sincerely congratulate our Irish brethren on the success which has attended their efforts. It is less than a year since the foundation-stone was laid by the Grand Master, in the presence of their Excellencies the Earl and Countess Cowper, yet such is the progress that has been made, that it is confidently anticipated the building will be completed and ready for occupation early in 1882. The greatest care would seem to have been taken so as to incur no unnecessary or avoidable expense, and it is believed that when the premises are complete, the cost will not be found to have exceeded the original estimate of £12,000. In order to meet this outlay, the greatest exertions have been made to secure the amount, and up to the 4th instant there were promised subscriptions amounting in the aggregate to £10,553 5s, of which £7,353 7s 8d had actually been paid. But when the estimated amount has been received, and the building completed, a further £2000 will be necessary in order to make the latter habitable. Thus the Governors, who have resolved on carrying out the work without trenching upon the invested capital, have their work before them, and it may be as well if they take especial notice of a point noticed by Bro. C. Macnamara, LL.D., the Hon. Secretary of the Fund, namely, that "though the amount already given is so large, the number of individual donors is comparatively very small; and although the orphans of Provincial brethren who are received into the School far outnumber those from Dublin, the subscriptions from the country, especially from the North of Ireland, are not in due proportion to the sums received from the Dublin members of the Order." There is nothing unusual, we regret to say, about this. It happens here, as in the Emerald Isle, that those who seek the largest share of benefits, are often the least forward in subscribing. Possibly, however, our Provincial Irish brethren will show a laudable desire to disturb this unequal arrangement, and that they will bring their subscriptions more nearly on a level with the benefits they do not hesitate to receive from the Institution. It would be as well also if the Craft generally bore in mind this further statement in Bro. Macnamara's report, namely, that "the number of subscribing brethren in Ireland is so large, that if all, or even a majority, could be induced to subscribe a small sum each, an ample endowment for the Schools would be obtained." This is, in effect, what we have again and again said in reference to our own Institutions, that if each subscribing Mason would only give five shillings annually to each of them, there would be ample to support them, and even to extend their sphere of operations. We must not omit to mention that, with a view to increasing the amount necessary to fit and furnish the new building, it is proposed to hold a Fancy Fair and Bazaar in the early part of the ensuing year, and we doubt not the fair ladies of Erin will be only too happy to contribute of their skill and by their presence in order to ensure its success.

As to the distribution of prizes by the Countess Cowper,

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we give the names of the fortunate recipients in our report, and we need only remark that the kindly office was most ably fulfilled by Her Excellency. At the same time it is but fair to the girl pupils who were called upon to give a display of their musical training to say, that they acquitted themselves in a manner which secured for them the well-merited appreciation of all present. Everything passed off most satisfactorily, and what with the ladies and their bright costumes, and the brethren with their splendid jewels and badges, it is difficult to picture a scene that could well have been more brilliant or more animated. The only drawback on the general enjoyment was the announcement that owing to the falling off in the subscriptions, there had been an excess of expenditure over income to the extent of over £600. We trust this shortcoming will be remedied by a larger and more liberal influx of subscriptions and donations in the course of this year.

THE LATE PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

WE have to announce that the project for establishing a Fund, to be known as the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, has been abandoned. We do so with regret; but at the same time we are unable to say we are very far from being surprised that the duty of making this announcement should at length have devolved upon us. At the outset, we cordially supported the idea, which, as our readers are well aware, was enunciated by the Earl of Rosslyn when he presided at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in 1879. His Lordship expressed an opinion to the effect that, admirable as were the arrangements made for the education of our orphan children, there was still a something wanting in order to make those arrangements complete. That something was a fund for providing worthy pupils on leaving school who needed help and some little assistance in making their start in life. The idea found favour in influential quarters, and well-nigh all our illustrious and most distinguished Craftsmen readily promised it their support. Everything within reason was done to secure the success of the project, and in the summer of last year a grand Fancy Fair and Bazaar was held for the purpose of still further increasing the Fund. This Bazaar was opened by the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., who was supported by the Earl of Rosslyn, Lord Brooke, M.P., and other brethren of influence. Almost every variety of entertainment was provided, and, to all appearances, there was a considerable amount of success attending the festive gathering. But, from the close of the Bazaar, for reasons which we do not know, and into the merits of which it is no business of ours to inquire, a change would seem to have come o'er the spirit of the dream of those interested. The very praiseworthy zeal exhibited in starting the Fund was, as it were by magic, converted into a complete apathy in supporting it. We believe the Bazaar Committee met and ordered a settlement of accounts. We are under the impression that some kind of statement of accounts has, at some time or other, been furnished; at least, we have heard that the proceeds of the Fair and Bazaar were just sufficient to pay the expenses of organising the Fund. Some time since, the surplus articles of the Bazaar were balloted for, and on Wednesday, the 11th instant, a final meeting of the Committee was held, when it was agreed that the project which had once looked so very promising should be abandoned. We naturally regret this result, and the more so because we so steadily and consistently advocated the establishment of the Fund. We content ourselves, however, with recording the above facts; others must endeavour to find out to what cause they are assignable.

It is an ill wind that blows nobody any good; and although the proposal originated by the Earl of Rosslyn has fallen through, the main idea has not been lost sight of by the authorities of our Schools. Till recently the utmost which it was in the power of the Executive of either of these Institutions to award to even the most necessitous and deserving case was a sum of £20. However, since the Pupils' Fund was proposed, the law has been altered, and in case of extreme merit, the sum of £40 can be voted to a single pupil, Boy or Girl, on leaving School; and for this much, at all events, we are indebted, in the first instance, to the Earl of Rosslyn for suggesting an Assistance Fund, and in the next, to those who so actively and zealously assisted his Lordship.

It remains for the Committee to ascertain the wishes of the subscribers as to what shall be done with their several contributions. If they wish them returned, our respected Brother the Rev. C. J. Martyn (Deputy Provincial Grand Master Suffolk, Past Grand Chaplain), Honorary Treasurer, will refund them. If they wish them to be handed over to either of our existing Masonic Charities, they have but to indicate the Institution to which they would have them devoted, and effect will be given to their wishes; while, if they are content to leave the moneys where they are, then in due course they will be distributed among deserving pupils, who are on the point of leaving School. All letters to this effect will receive the attention they deserve. And thus is determined a most worthy project, which, at one time, bid fair to prove a magnificent success.

CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW MASONIC LODGE AT PORTSMOUTH.

THE arrangements for the constitution of the Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, of the Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England, have now been completed. The ceremonies of constitution and installation will be conducted by the R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, assisted by V.W. Bro. W. Hickman D.P.G.M., and the Grand Officers of the Province, in the Lecture Hall, Penny-street, on Wednesday, 25th inst. A special fast train from Waterloo, only stopping at Woking to pick up the Duke of Connaught and his equerry, will reach the Town Railway Station at 11.30 a.m., and His Royal Highness will be received by Commander Lord Charles Beresford W.M. designate, and four Officers of the Lodge. The party will drive to the Officers' house entrance on the Grand Parade, and on their entering the Lecture Hall the ceremonies will at once commence. A choir, under the leadership of Mr. J. Winterbottom, will perform the musical part of the ceremony, Bro. G. Jones P.G.O. accompanying on the harmonium. Master Masons are to enter the hall from Penny-street; Past Masters, Worshipful Masters, and Wardens from the High-street; and Present and Past Provincial Officers from the entrance on the Grand Parade. All brethren are to appear in evening dress. The Officers of the Lodge will be installed as follows:—Bros. Lord Chas. Beresford W.M., H. Townsend I.P.M., T. Page S.W., S. H. Carden, R.N., J.W., H. Threadingham Treasurer, A. Leon Emanuel Hon. Secretary, Rev. P. H. Good Chaplain, Knowles, R.N., S.D., Martyr J.D., Winterbottom Organist, Lind D.C., McLeod, R.E., I.G., H. Long and S. Knight Stewards, Mansell, R.N., and Carter Tylers. The ceremony, it is thought, will last until two o'clock, when the company will adjourn to the Drill Shed, Governor's Green, where a banquet will take place, under the presidency of Lord Charles Beresford, who will be supported by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and H.S.H. Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar. The company will, it is expected, include the Duke of St. Albans, Earl Mount-Edgcumbe, the Earl of March, Lord Tenderden, Admiral-Superintendent the Hon. F. A. C. Foley, Colonel Reilly, R.H.A., Captains Lord Albert Seymour and the Honourable C. G. Byng, and other Officers of the Grand Lodge of England. The Duke of Connaught will leave at five o'clock, by special train, to enable His Royal Highness to attend the State Ball. The entrance to the Lodge will be guarded by a force of police, and that to the Drill Shed by the military authorities. The band of the Royal Marine Artillery will play selections on Governor's Green. The banquetting room will be decorated with bunting, and the tables with choice cut flowers and potted plants, some of which will, through the kindness of Major General Sir Frederick Fitz Wygram, Bart., come from Leigh Park. A considerable number of brethren have, we understand, already given in their names as joining members of the Lodge, and numerous gentlemen are likewise nominated for initiations. Up to the present time gifts of the value of over £300 have been made to the Lodge by various members. The W.M. designate has presented colours, jewels, and gauntlets of superior workmanship, and the working tools to match have come from the officers and members. Already 400 tickets have been issued to the various Lodges in the Province for the ceremony of constitution, and by the time the returns have been received by the Honorary Secretary, the number will, it is expected, reach 800. It may be stated that Masons not belonging to a local Lodge can obtain tickets either for the constitution or the banquet on application to the Hon. Secretary (Bro. A. L. Emanuel, Ordnance-row, Portsea), or Bro. Townsend, the Naval Hotel, Portsea.—*Portsmouth Times.*

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, at the Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, the 27th, commencing at 6 p.m. Bros. Abell P.M. 1599 W.M., Woods S.W. 145 S.W., Daniel W.M. 1541 J.W., W. W. Snelling 1541 Hon. Sec. First Lecture:—Bros. Minstrell, Johnson, Durndell, Pelikan, Snelling, Squirrell, and Woods. Second Lecture:—Bros. C. A. Pardon, Daniel, Studin, Gush, and Tate. Third Lecture:—Bros. Webb, Edwin Storr, and Larchin.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE, GLOUCESTER.

INSTALLATION OF SIR MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH, BART., M.P.

THURSDAY was a "red letter day" in the annals of Freemasonry in Gloucestershire, and, indeed, in this part of the country. It is rarely that the installation of a Provincial Grand Master is witnessed, the appointment being permanent. So far as Gloucestershire is concerned, no such event has been witnessed during the past quarter of a century, or, indeed, since the charter for the county was issued. In 1856, in the month of May, if we mistake not, Gloucestershire became a Masonic Province under the Right Worshipful Brother the Right Hon. Lord Sherborne, who appointed Bro. George Frederick Newmarch his Very Worshipful Deputy, and under his guidance the Province has flourished until the present time. We announced some few months since that Lord Sherborne, from increasing age, and a desire for rest, had announced his intention of resigning his high office, and his determination was speedily followed by the resignation of his Deputy, Bro. Newmarch. On Thursday the Brethren assembled in great force at the Shirehall to witness the installation of, and to do honour to, their new chief, the Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, M.P. The assembly was a most brilliant one, and numbered from 600 to 700 brethren. They all wore the various insignia of the Craft. The installing Master, R.W. Brother the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, was unable to attend in consequence of family bereavement, and his place was taken by the R.W.G.M. for Hants and the Isle of Wight, Brother W. W. B. Beach, M.P., who initiated Sir Michael 25 years ago, and who, attended by the Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers, entered the hall in procession and opened the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Installing Master being saluted according to ancient form. The following was the order of procession :—

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Bristol.
The Provincial Grand Lodge of Herefordshire.
The Provincial Grand Lodge of Monmouthshire.
The Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire.
The Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire.
Provincial Grand Lodge Officers of other Provinces.
Officers of Grand Lodge, and of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire :—
Past Provincial Grand Pursuivants, Organists, Sword Bearers, Directors of Ceremonies, Superintendents of Works, Grand Deacons, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrars, Chaplains, Wardens.
Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master.
Grand Sword Bearer.
The Deputy Grand Master.
The Installing Master.
Grand Deacon.

The Grand Lodge was constituted as follows :—Bros. W. H. Gwinnett P.M. P.P.S.G.W. S.W., T. Nelson Foster P.M. P.P.S.G.W. J.W., H. Godfrey P.M. P.P.S.G.W. S.D., W. P. Want P.M. P.P.J.G.W. J.D., H. Kynaston P.P.G.C. Chaplain, Russell J. Kerr P.M. P.P.S.G.W. Director of Ceremonies, E. H. Edgell P.M. P.P.G.J.D. Assist. Director of Ceremonies, John Bryan P.M. P.P.G.J.D., E. D. Worsley P.M. P.P.G. Super. of W., C. Tudway P.M. P.P.G.D.C., J. S. Olver P.M. P.P.G.S.B., C. Harford Lloyd P.P.G.O. Organist, T. Cadle P.M. P.P.G.P. Pursuivant. The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge were read and confirmed, and the Installing Master addressed the Lodge, stating the object of the meeting. The Provincial Grand Pursuivant (Bro. T. Cadle) then announced the arrival of the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master Designate (Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, M.P.). The Right Hon. Baronet was introduced by a deputation of Masters and Past Masters. The P.G. Sec. (Bro. E. Trinder) read the Patent, and the Acting Provincial Grand Chaplain (Bro. the Rev. H. Kynaston) offered prayer. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master was then installed in due form, and proclaimed by the Director of Ceremonies. The W. Bro. J. Brook-Smith was appointed D.P.G.M. The other Officers of the Lodge were then appointed, and the business of the Grand Lodge was transacted. A banquet was subsequently held at the Corn Exchange, and was attended by between three and four hundred of the brethren. The repast was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Allen, of the Bell Hotel, and the catering gave general satisfaction. The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., presided, and he was supported on his right by Bros. J. Brook-Smith, G. F. Newmarch, J. Walker, Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Colonel Basevi, W. H. Gwinnett, S. G. Homfray, T. Nelson Foster, H. C. Tombs, and L. White; and on his left by Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Canon Millar, Lord Henry Thynne, M.P., J. E. Dorington, C. Raikes Davy, W. Godfrey, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Rev. W. E. Haddow, Rev. H. Kynaston, Rev. H. G. Layton, Rev. A. Williams, &c. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master said the first toast in all assemblies of Englishmen was that of The Queen. As loyal subjects they would always drink the health of her Majesty with great pleasure, but as Masons they were doubly glad to do so, and to couple with the toast that of the Craft. They remembered that in her Majesty they had not only a Constitutional Sovereign—one of the best, if not the best, that had ever occupied the Throne of these realms—but also a bright example of those virtues and sympathy for charity which as Masons they professed to admire. The Prov. Grand Master next proposed The Health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Most Worshipful Grand Master. He said it was a bright day for the Craft when his Royal Highness consented to add to his other numerous avocations the duty of the office of Grand Master of the Freemasons of England. And worthily he filled that high and important office, and he was confident that the great interest he felt in the Craft was by no means diminished by lapse of time. He was sure that under his rule the Craft would be as prosperous in the future as it had been in the past. The Prov. Grand Master then proposed the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon I'ro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge Past and Present. Lord Carnarvon, he said, was an old and valued friend of his, and he believed he was known to them all as a Prov. Grand Master, as a man of genius, of great eloquence, and of singular tact in the management of the difficult business which often came before Grand Lodge. He had hoped that Lord Lathom might have been amongst them that day, and nothing but recent domestic affliction kept him away. He was sure they all recognised in him a man whose geniality and amiable character made him the type of one who should occupy a distinguished place amongst Freemasons. He was glad to find that there were no less than eleven Past Officers of the Grand Lodge of England present, and he was sure they would give them a real Gloucestershire welcome, so that they might carry away agreeable recollections of their visit. Bro. C. R. Davy was not only an old Officer, but he was one of themselves; he was a resident amongst them, and was a constant attendant at Grand Lodge. Bro. Shadwell Clerke was also a most able and efficient Officer, and discharged his high and important office admirably. Bro. Rev. C. R. Davy, whose name was coupled with the toast, responded, and said the Grand Lodge had never done its duty better than by appointing Sir Michael Hicks-Beach as Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master. Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke also responded, and said they could not have entrusted the Mastership to more genial or abler hands. Bro. G. F. Newmarch said of course they would anticipate the next toast, which was that of the Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, their friend and neighbour. No words of his were required to recommend him to them, and he would not attempt any eulogy. When Lord Sherborne intimated his intention to retire from the duties of his high office, the eyes of all of them, without exception, turned to one man, and that man was Sir Michael Hicks-Beach. He might frankly say that, as a Gloucestershire man, they were proud of him. He was one of them; he was essentially a Gloucestershire man, as was Lord Sherborne before him; he was not only respected in his own county, but he had made a name in the country of which they were all proud. He was glad that he had selected a man to assist him in the office, than whom a more zealous Mason could not be found, namely, Bro. Brooke-Smith. He was sure that, whatever success Masonry might have had in Gloucestershire in the past, it would continue to flourish under the guidance of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, on rising to respond, was received with enthusiastic cheering. He said it was impossible for him to thank them too warmly for their reception of him on this the first occasion of his appearing amongst them as Provincial Grand Master. He thanked Bro. Newmarch for the kind way in which he had spoken of him, and the brethren for the applause with which they had greeted what he had been pleased to say about him; but, in addition, he desired to thank them all for the numbers in which they had attended that day—numbers that he believed he was justified in saying far exceeded those of any previous Masonic gathering at Gloucester. He would frankly tell them, what was already known to some in that room. When Lord Sherborne intimated his desire to retire from the office which he so well filled for so many years, some brethren, friends of his (Sir Michael's), were good enough to suggest to him that he might hope to be his successor. He confessed he shrank from it, and did not consider himself likely to be appointed to the office. He felt that he had other public avocations, to which he ought not there further to allude, which would take up much of his time—time which a Provincial Grand Master ought to devote to the interests of his Province. He felt also, what he did not say, that for some years he had been amongst them as an active member of a political party, that he had been accustomed to speak his mind, and that possibly under those circumstances he might not be acceptable to all. He felt that possibly it might not tend to the harmony and progress of Freemasonry if a person actively engaged in that kind of warfare were chosen as the head of this Province. Those were his feelings, and he stated them frankly now. But when he told them that from all quarters and from all persons—from those he could not have suspected of entertaining friendly feelings towards him, from those to whom he was opposed in political and private opinion—there came to him kindly, friendly, and fraternal welcome, if it should please the Grand Lodge to appoint him, he felt no hesitation, when he told them that, he perhaps need hardly add that he felt when the office was offered to him, that it was his bounden duty to accept it, and so far as his poor abilities enabled him, to perform the duties. He felt sure that he could rely on the aid of the brethren to promote the interests of Freemasonry in the Province. He had his part to do, and that part had been ably put before him by his friend and relative on his right hand. He did not want to promise what he would not perform. He hoped during this and the following year to be able to visit every Lodge in the Province, and the first would be Dursley, the Royal Lebanon, and the Chipping Sodbury Lodges. He hoped that they would all work in harmony, and that, knowing one another better, they would respect each other more. At all events, he hoped that his appointment would not tend to lessen their interest in Freemasonry, and if he was as successful as Lord Sherborne had been, he should be able to look back upon his term of office with satisfaction. The other toasts included the Installing Master Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Right Worshipful Prov. G. Master of Hants, the Right Hon. Lord Sherborne Right Worshipful Past Provincial Grand Master, the W. Bro. J. Brooke-Smith Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge Past and Present, the Visitors, and the Lodges of the Provinces. Before the Lodge was closed a formal presentation of an original copy of the Book of Constitutions, re-bound in morocco, garter blue and gold, and enclosed in a case of walnut wood, lined with purple velvet, was made by Bro. Henry Jeffs to the Provincial Grand Master, which Sir Michael Hicks-Beach was pleased to accept. The Book is scarce, and to bibliophilists valuable, being Anderson's and Désaguliers edition of 1723, and of the first official issue sanctioned by warrant of Grand Lodge. There was in 1722 an informal issue of the Old Regulations in a copy of a MS. Constitution. The book presented to the Provincial G. Master contained the following, printed in Old English on a fly-leaf :—"Pre-

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sented, with respectful and fraternal regards of Bro. Henry Jeffs, Past Master No. 1005, to Bro. the Right Honourable Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., on his installation as the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master for Gloucestershire, 1881." The arrangements at the Shirehall were made by Mr. Russell Kerr and Mr. Edw. Trinder, and were perfect; and all the arrangements in the banqueting room were admirably carried out by Mr. R. Vassar Smith.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE annual meeting of the Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held yesterday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Col. Creaton Grand Treasurer in the chair. There were also present Bros. Henry Smith Provincial Grand Secretary West Yorkshire, J. L. Hine, Alfred W. Stanfield, J. Wordsworth, John Simpson, Robert Wylie, Charles Godtschalk, John Constable, Charles John Perceval, S. Rawson, Louis Stean, William Clarke, Raynham W. Stewart, Edw. Davies, H. S. Alpass, James A Burch, John Chadwick, A. F. A. Woodford, James Butting, Frederick Davison, Frod. Adlard, W. S. Perryman, Edgar Bowyer, Robert D. Cummings, S. P. Norris, Thomas Cubitt, George Wyatt, William Hale, John Diprose, T. W. Lew, Henry Bartlett, J. R. Gallant, Thomas Meggy, Brackstone Baker, and James Terry (Secretary).

The minutes of last meeting having been approved, the Annual Report and Balance Sheet were read, as follows, by Bro. Terry:—

REPORT.

The Committee have much pleasure in bringing to the notice of the Governors and Subscribers the progress the Institution has made during the past twelve months.

The Annual Festival was directed to be held by the Patron, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c., on Wednesday, the 23rd February last, and the Committee were exceedingly fortunate in obtaining the consent of Lieut.-Colonel Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., J.P. and D.L., R.W. Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire, to preside upon the occasion. He was very nobly supported by the members of his Province, as well as by brethren from London and other parts of the country—no less than 399 Stewards acting upon the occasion—their exertions resulted in the handsome sum of £14,360 being raised to benefit the Fund—and, looking both at the number of Stewards as well as the amount, it is with feelings of gratitude that the Committee tender their heartiest thanks to all concerned. Taking into consideration the great depression there has been during the last year throughout the country, in every branch of trade, profession, and business, they hardly dared to hope for such a success.

After the last election, there were 150 males and 155 widows upon the Fund, being an addition of 15 annuitants over any previous year, while to-day awaiting election there is, unfortunately, the large number of 98 candidates.

During the year, 20 annuitants have died—13 men and 7 widows—and the Committee, at their meeting in February last, decided that the vacancies thus created should be filled up; and, bearing in mind the large number of candidates and the success of the recent Festival, they have determined to place 5 additional men and 5 additional widows upon the Funds—a step which they feel convinced will have the warmest sympathy and support of the Governors and Subscribers. Since the proxies have been issued, 7 men and 3 widows have died, and, according to the Laws, these vacancies will also be filled up—so that the total number to be elected to-day will be 25 men and 15 widows.

There are, in addition, 14 widows receiving £20 each, being half their late husband's annuity, and which is accorded to them for three years—unless they are elected to the full sum before that time expires.

The various payments thus being made will then amount to £11,600 for annuities only, excluding all working and other incidental expenses in the management of the Institution.

The Committee, however, confidently rely upon the generous support of the Craft to sustain the Institution in every way that is possible, and which has never been more practically exemplied than in its contributions at the last Festival.

The Committee again renew their thanks to Grand Lodge, for its grant of £70 to provide the residents of the Institution at Croydon with coals, and its value was never more appreciated by them than during the inclemency of the past winter.

The Committee also tender their thanks to the Honorary Surgeons, Henry John Strong, Esq., M.D., and R. Percy Middlemist, Esq., for their unremitting attention and kindness to those under their care.

The Institution is now undergoing reparation rendered necessary by the usual wear and tear inseparable from the structural decay of the Building. It is also being enlarged to meet the requirements of the present day, and the Committee are certain that when completed, it will add much to the comfort of the Residents, Visitors, and others, when visiting the same.

During the year the Committee have had the pleasure of receiving a Legacy of £100 free of duty, and in recording this fact would wish to impress upon those Brethren blessed with means the desirability of following so good an example.

Subjoined is a statement of the receipts and expenditure during the year ending the 31st March 1881, together with the particulars of the permanent income of the Institution:—

MALE FUND.

Balance 31st March 1880					4,023 1 0
Receipts.					
Donation from Grand Lodge		500	0	0	
Do Grand Chapter		100	0	0	
Do Special do		150	0	0	
Do Lodges, Chapters and Individuals		6603	4	3	
Annual Subscription do		1097	16	6	
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds		1023	8	0	
Legacy		50	0	0	
Rent of Field		9	0	0	
Cash withdrawn from Call		2000	0	0	
Interest on Cash at Call		20	2	8	
					11,553 11 5
					£15,576 12 5
Disbursements.					
Annuitants		5710	0	0	
Salary of Secretary and Clerk		357	10	0	
Collector—Commission		79	3	9	
Messenger		5	0	0	
Provincial Expenses		50	13	11	
Medicine for residents at Institution		12	10	0	
Warden at Institution		20	0	0	
Pension to late Gardener, and Gardener's Salary		54	12	0	
Rates and Taxes at Institution		34	0	2	
Repairs and Furniture do		67	1	7	
Stationery, Printing, &c.		170	12	5	
Advertisements		22	16	9	
Postages, &c., including expenses of Election		146	6	4	
Petty Expenses		14	8	2	
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants		44	14	3	
Votes of thanks to Stewards		15	16	1	
Hire of Hall on day of Election		2	12	6	
Rent of Office		18	0	0	
Rent of Field at Croydon		16	18	10	
Placed at Call		2000	0	0	
Purchase of Stock		1976	5	0	
Premium on Guarantee Policy for Collector (two years)		7	11	3	
Banker's charges		0	4	5	
Gratuity to Clerk		15	0	0	
					10,841 17 5
Balance on this Fund					**£4,734 15 0**

WIDOWS' FUND.

Balance 31st March 1880					2,035 3 8
Receipts.					
Donation from Grand Lodge		300	0	0	
Do Grand Chapter		50	0	0	
Special donation do		150	0	0	
Do Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals		5395	1	0	
Annual Subscriptions		927	16	0	
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds		661	1	11	
Legacy		50	0	0	
Rent of Field		9	0	0	
Cash withdrawn from Call		1000	0	0	
Interest on Cash at Call		10	1	4	
					8,553 0 3
					10,588 3 11
Disbursements.					
Annuitants		5106	0	0	
Salary of Secretary and Clerk		357	10	0	
Collector—Commission		69	17	3	
Messenger		5	0	0	
Provincial Expenses		50	13	11	
Medicine for residents at Institution		12	10	0	
Matron do		50	0	0	
Pension to late Gardener, and Gardener's Salary do		28	12	0	
Rates and Taxes do		34	0	3	
Repairs and Furniture do		67	1	7	
Stationery, Printing, &c.		170	12	4	
Advertisements		22	16	9	
Postages, &c., including expenses of Election		134	19	6	
Petty Expenses		14	8	2	
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants		44	14	3	
Votes of thanks to Stewards		15	16	2	
Hire of Hall on day of Election		2	12	6	
Rent of Office		18	0	0	
Rent of Field at Croydon		16	18	8	
Placed at Call		1000	0	0	
Premium on Guarantee Policy for Collector (2 years)		7	11	3	
Banker's Charges		0	3	3	
Gratuity to Clerk		15	0	0	
					7,244 17 10
Balance on this Fund					**£3,343 6 1**

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SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Balance 31st March 1880 - -			46 19 11
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds - - -			29 5 0
			£76 4 11
DISBURSEMENTS.			
Repairs - - - - - - - - - - -			41 8 7
Balance on this Fund - -		**£34 16 4**	
Total Balance as per Auditors' Report			**£8,112 17 5**

The Permanent Income of the Institution is as follows:—

MALE FUND.

Annual Grant from Grand Lodge -	500	0	0	
Do Grand Chapter	100	0	0	
Dividends on £36,950 Stock in Government Funds - -	1081	18	0	
				£1,681 18 0

WIDOWS' FUND.

Annual Grant from Grand Lodge -	300	0	0	
Do Grand Chapter -	50	0	0	
Dividends on £22,575 Stock in Government Funds - -	661	1	11	
				£1,011 1 11

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Dividends on £1,000 Stock in the Government Funds -			30 0 0
Total Permanent Income - - -			**£2,722 19 11**

Signed J. CREATON, Grand Treasurer, Vice-Patron Chairman.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
20th May 1880.

Bros. Quittman, Bulmer, and Hale were re-elected on the Committee for the ensuing year, and Bros. H. G. Warren and A. H. Tattershall were re-elected Auditors. Bros. Bowyer, Clarke, Davies, and Stean were chosen to receive proxies, and the Scrutineers of votes were afterwards appointed. The chairman then announced the poll open for the election of 25 men and 15 widows.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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A VAGRANT MASON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I take an early opportunity of warning almoners and benevolent Masons in general against an individual who is unworthy of recognition. He has a clearance certificate from the St. George's Lodge, No. 190, Aberdeen. He was in the vicinity of Portsmouth about the 12th instant, and is, I fancy, going westward.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

THE SECRETARY 804.

THE APPROACH OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am glad you have re-ventilated the subject of summer excursions, and the expense of attending them. I am neither very affluent nor very much the reverse, yet I like to enjoy myself, and am always glad when an opportunity presents itself that I can take my wife and daughters with me. Last year I might have attended the summer banquet of a London Lodge which, for obvious reasons, must be nameless, but I found it would have involved an initial expenditure of £5 for the four of us, to say nothing of the et ceteras which the woman folk generally deem necessary, and cabs or the train to or from the general rendezvous. This was a little too much for my purse, and as we had made up our minds that a day's trip into the country must be taken, we selected a very quiet little but familiar country place, not twenty miles from Charing-cross, and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves for about half the money, and that without any kind of stint in any respect. Would it not be as well if those who had the arranging of these summer banquets made note of the fact that a heavy outlay is not indispensable to a day's pleasure, and that, with the exercise of a little management, from ten to fifteen shillings may be made to go as far as from twenty-five to thirty shillings? Where people have plenty of money at command it would be a sin not to spend it, but that is no reason why it should be expended wastefully or ostentatiously.

I am, faithfully and fraternally,

HOLD, ENOUGH.

MARK MASONRY.

SS. PETER AND PAUL'S LODGE, No. 163.

A MEETING of this Lodge was held at the Swan Hotel, Newport Pagnell, on Monday, 9th May. Present—Bros. T. Taylor W.M., J. R. Wiliner I.P.M., L. Cooper S.W., J. M. Cuthbert J.W., E. J. Saunders S.O., B. Wilford J.O., E. Carr Treasurer and Organist; V.W. Bro. J. S. Brownrigg P.G.M.C. Secretary, C. Terry S.D., E. Revill I.G., and several other brethren. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bros. R. King P.M., — Valentine P.M., Lieut. Craster, and H. H. Booth. The candidates were then introduced and duly advanced to the degree of M.M.M. The ceremony was for the first time in the history of this Lodge performed with full musical accompaniment, under the direction of Bro. Carr, this addition to the beautiful ritual of the Mark degree being much appreciated by the brethren. Before closing the Lodge, the W.M. alluded to the loss the Lodge had sustained since the last meeting by the death of their Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Margoliouth, and the Secretary was requested to convey the sympathy of the brethren to Mrs. Margoliouth. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the supper room. After the banquet the usual toasts were given, that of the Grand Mark Officers being responded to by V.W. Bro. Brownrigg P.G.M.C., who said that the Lodge was particularly well represented at Grand Lodge, four of the members being Past Grand Officers. The W.M., in responding to the toast of his health said, that he might congratulate both himself and the Lodge on a very successful year of office, having up to the present time advanced twelve brethren to this honourable degree.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT MARK LODGE, No. 199.

THE Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 5th May, at the Masonic Rooms, 77½ Bishopsgate-street-within, and was very well attended, the brethren present including Bros. W. J. Meek W.M., H. Meyer S.W. and W.M. elect, W. Beasley J.W., B. Meyer P.M. Treasurer, D. M. Dewar Asst. Grand Secretary, T. Poore P.G.I.G., J. J. Gould S.O., R. Marshall J.O., J. Hill Secretary, G. Andrews S.D., A. P. Little Reg. of Marks, J. H. Peach Org.; Bros. Southwood, Greenhill, Westfield, Birkin. Lodge having been opened, and the preliminary business disposed of, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. T. Poore, who, with his wonted kindness, had consented to assist in the important ceremony of the evening. Bro. H. Meyer was then presented to the Installing Officer by Bro. B. Meyer P.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and was placed in the chair of A., according to ancient custom. The newly-installed W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers as follow:—Bros. W. Beasley S.W., H. Stephens J.W., J. J. Gould M.O., W. H. Edwards S.O., W. J. Westfield J.O., B. Meyer P.M. Treasurer, James Hill Secretary, J. E. Greenhill S.D., R. Marshall J.D., J. D. Burkin I.G., W. J. Meek I.P.M. Dir. of Cer., and J. H. Peach Org. After the customary greetings Lodge was closed and adjourned. A Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was opened, Bro. T. Poore occupying the chair of W.C.N., Bro. Dewar that of J., and Bro. Meek that of S. Fifteen brethren were then exalted to the degree of R.A.M. The consecration of the new Lodge followed, the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. D. M. Dewar, assisted by Bros T. Poore and W. J. Meek. Bro. Meek was subsequently enthroned as W.C.N., and appointed his Officers:—Bros. H. Meyer J., B. Meyer S., H. Stephens S.D., Westfield J.D., Burkin Guardian, J. Hill Sec., Peach Org. After the usual inquiry, and resultant hearty good wishes, Lodge was closed, and the brethren retired to the ante-room, where a collation awaited them, to which ample justice was done. The Loyal and Mark toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed the health of the Installing Master, Bro. T. Poore, to whom he expressed the obligations of the Lodge for his valuable services on this and many other occasions. In reply, Bro. Poore declared the deep satisfaction and pleasure he always felt in doing anything in his power for the welfare and furtherance of Mark Masonry, and the more so on this occasion, as it gave him the opportunity of offering some slight service in acknowledgment of the kind reception he had at all times received from the brethren of the Duke of Connaught Lodge. The W.M., having resigned the gavel to W.C.N. Brother Meek, proposed the health of the Consecrating Officer V.W. Bro. D. M. Dewar, whose ready help and friendly counsel was available in all emergencies, and as gratefully received as it was heartily given. Bro. Dewar responded in cordial terms, acknowledging the hearty reception always accorded him by the brethren, and expressing his gratification at the continued prosperity of the Lodge, and congratulating the members on the comfort and convenience of their new suite of rooms. After the toast of the "Officers" the W.M. announced that he had received a communication from Bro. Brighten Prov. G.S., to the effect that the Lodge would have the distinguished privilege this year of sending a Brother to Grand Lodge, and one also to Prov. Grand Lodge, and, with the consent of the brethren, he proposed recommending the I.P.M. Bro. Meek for Grand Lodge, and Bro. Hill the Secretary for Prov. Grand Lodge—a proposition heartily adopted by the brethren.

We must remind our readers that the General Committee Meeting of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday next, 26th instant, between the hours of 4 and 5 p.m. On this occasion it will be the duty of those present to elect the House Committee for the ensuing year; and we may state, for the information of those interested, that all the members of the present House Committee have been re-nominated, while Brother J. E. Shand, W.M. 1563, has also been nominated for election.

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R.M. BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

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RESULT OF THE ELECTION.

MALES.—SUCCESSFUL.

No. on Poll	Name	Total votes polled
1	Hogg Charles James	1511
2	Ford William	1501
3	Spratt Henry Hart	1429
4	Woods Charles James	1395
5	Cooke Matthew	1329
6	Riley Thomas	1323
7	Armstrong Robert	1245
8	Lampen Thomas	1145
9	Ward Joseph	1128
10	Lockwood John	1115
11	Middleton John	1108
12	Smith Alfred	1062
13	Smith William	1058
14	Roberts Abraham	1016
15	Darby Henry A	1003
16	Mannington John	998
17	Beale Thomas William	996
18	Lomax Charles	991
19	Roberts William	986
20	Ross Alexander Douglas	951
21	Docobar John	901
22	Sutcliffe Charles	785
23	Oatley John	754
24	Jackson James	727
25	Banning Jesse	719

MALES—UNSUCCESSFUL.

26	Higson Thomas	705
27	Burton Joseph	685
28	Munn James	682
29	Maxwell Thomas	611
30	Marks Solomon	556
31	Reed Edward	534
32	Worley George	372
33	Crisp Joseph	112
34	Haytor James	78
35	Patterson John	45
36	Ensell George	32
37	Halliday Thomas	2

WIDOWS—SUCCESSFUL.

1	Read-Lamart Maria	1697
2	Grant Hannah	1619
3	Winter Phillis	1574
4	Booth Betty	1413
5	Bisco Elizabeth	1270
6	Perkin Ann	1231
7	Appleby Emma Eliza	1193
8	Cherrill Elizabeth M	1168
9	Diver Charlotte	1101
10	Laing Elizabeth	1097
11	Wilkinson Margaret	1016
12	Wright Sarah	930
13	Martin Rebecca	879
14	George Hannah	875
15	Eade Hannah Betsy	872

WIDOWS—UNSUCCESSFUL.

16	Exley Frances	784
17	Bentley Mary Ann	760
18	Miller Maria	745
19	Wakefield Ann	735
	Frances Elizabeth	735
21	Lafittan Eliza	724
22	Mongar Elizabeth Mary	715
23	Elliott Isabella	648
24	Moorhouse Betty	612
25	Dover Eleanor Elizabeth	560
26	Biles Ann	495
27	Pearson Elizabeth	451
28	Allen Sarah Ann	432
29	Greig Lilias	428
30	Kidd Harriet	408
31	Rowell Margaret	317
32	Nowlan Mary	291
33	Emmerson Zelie	271
34	Hambly Anne Crossman	261
35	Thomas Elizabath Mary	229
36	Wood Annetta T H	205
37	Child Elizabeth Mary Ann	204
38	Cogan Cecil	178
39	Crisp Sarah Ann	135
40	Gambell Naomi	100
41	Chapple Elizabeth	99
42	Hill Elizabeth	95
43	Murnss Charlotte	93
44	Buckley Caroline C. H. V.	90
45	Smith Mary	63
46	Ramsey Phœbe Ann	56
47	Stubington Fanny	29
48	Geary Mary	24
49	Gregory Eleanor	22
50	Roberts Ann	15
51	Maddick Jane	12
52	Rodgers May Marianne	8
53	Rigarlsford Sarah	6
54	Coates Sarah	4
	Copeland Charlotte	4
56	Fenning Sarah	2
	Madeley Harriet Matilda	2
	Greenwood Jane	2
59	Greathead Sarah	1
60	Pelton Mary	
61	Isherwood Elizabeth	Dead

The thanks of the meeting was voted to the Scrutineers, and on motion it was resolved that the result be advertised as usual, and the report of the day's proceedings printed and circulated. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

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MEETING OF LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Lodge of Benevolence held its meeting for May on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bros. J. M. Clabon, Jos. Nunn, and James Brett occupied the chairs of President, and Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents. The Board of Masters had the agenda paper for next Grand Lodge, 1st of June, read to them. The Lodge of Benevolence confirmed the recommendations of Grants made at last meeting to the amount of £365. They considered the new cases, of which there were thirty on the list. Three of these in the course of the evening were deferred, the remaining twenty-seven were relieved with a total amount of £760. The Lodge was then closed.

St. John's Lodge, No. 795, Maidenhead.—The first meeting of this summer Lodge was held on Wednesday, 18th inst., at Bro. Deacon's, the Raymead Hotel, Maidenhead. Present—Bros. Capt. John Finch W.M. 173 and 180, H. H. Hodges P.M. Secretary, T. B. Linscott J.D., John Greenfield 1602 D.C., C. Nowell Tyler, and numerous visitors, principally from the Phœnix Lodge. The minutes of the last meeting, in October, having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. Edw. William Allen P.M. 173, as a joining member, and declared unanimous. The ceremony of raising Bro. John Napier Fulton, of the Royal Savoy Lodge 1744, to the sublime degree of M.M., was then most ably and impressively performed by the W.M., Bro. John Greenfield acting as S.D. Letters of apology from P.M.'s Sharpe and Foulger having been read, for the absence of the former through serious indisposition, and for the latter through other causes, the Lodge was closed in solemn form, and adjourned until next month. We are glad to state that, as predicted by us in October last, a number of brethren, visitors from the Phœnix Lodge, were proposed as joining members; at the same time it is very unsatisfactory to find so many Officers absent when important work has to be done. A large number of the brethren and visitors made a trip of 24 miles by drag to Hughenden Manor in the morning, and we need hardly state that ample justice was done to a plain dinner, provided with his usual taste by Bro. Deacon.

New Sadler's Wells.—During the present week Mr. H. J. Byron's popular drama *Blow for Blow* has been played, and with very great success. A noticeable feature about the performance is the evenness of the cast, there not being a single character which was not adequately interpreted, while, in several instances, the artistes exhibited a thorough appreciation of the parts severally assigned to them. Thus Mr. E. Lyons played Charley Spraggs, one of the finest of the late Mr. George Honey's delineations. Kitty Wobbler, in which Miss E. Weathersby made such an impression, was interpreted by Miss Laura Lindon, while Mildred Craddock in the Prologue, and Alice Petherick in the drama were played most ably by Miss Isabel Bateman, whose impersonation of the twin parts elicited the warmest applause.

We are compelled to hold over the Account of the Dublin Masonic School, to which reference is made in another column.

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AT the Annual General Meeting of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, 20th May 1881,
W. Bro. Lt.-Col. JOHN CREATON, Grand Treasurer, P.G.D., V. Patron, in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION of 25 MALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 37 candidates, and 15 FEMALE ANNUITANTS from an approved list of 61 candidates, when the following were declared duly elected:—

MALES.

	Votes		Votes
Hogg Charles James	1511	Roberts Abraham	1016
Ford William	1501	Darby Henry A	1003
Spratt Henry Hart	1429	Mannington John	998
Woods Charles James	1395	Beale Thomas William ...	996
Cooke Matthew	1329	Lomax Charles	991
Riley Thomas	1323	*Roberts William	986
Armstrong Robert	1245	*Ross Alexander Douglas ...	951
Lampen Thomas	1145	*Docchar John	901
Ward Joseph	1128	*Sutcliffe Charles	785
Lockwood John	1116	*Oatley John	754
Middleton John	1108	*Jackson James	727
Smith Alfred	1063	*Banning Jesse	719
Smith William	1058		

WIDOWS.

	Votes		Votes
Fead-Lamert Maria	1697	Diver, Charlotte	1101
Grant Hannah	1619	Laing Elizabeth	1097
Winter Phillis	1574	*Wilkinson Margaret	1016
Booth Betty	1413	*Wright Sarah	930
Bisco Elizabeth	1270	*Martin Rebecca	879
Perkin Ann	1231	*George Hannah	875
Appleby Emma Eliza	1193	*Eade Hannah Betsy	872
Cherrill Elizabeth M	1168		

The votes of the unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to the next election. Those marked * are elected to fill vacancies occasioned by death since the voting papers were issued.

JAMES TERRY, P. Prov. G.J.W. Herts.,
Secretary.

20th May 1881.

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INSTALLATION OF MOST W. GRAND MASTER.

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ON this the TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, &c. it has been determined to extend the customary arrangements for the Banquet to follow the Installation of the Grand Master, and to fix the price of Dinner Tickets at 12s 6d, the Wine being provided at the expense of Grand Lodge. A Collation will, in addition, be provided for Ladies, Tickets for which may be obtained, at 7s 6d each.

A Musical Selection will be given during Dinner, and a Concert will take place in the Evening, at which the services of eminent Professionals will be secured, under the Direction of the Grand Organist.

To enable the Grand Stewards to carry out the various arrangements efficiently and satisfactorily, a return of the necessary Form as to attendance to *the Grand Secretary, not later* than WEDNESDAY, the 25th MAY, is absolutely necessary.

N.B.—Grand Lodge will be opened at 3.30 p.m. Dinner will be on the Table at 6 p.m. precisely. Ladies to assemble at 7 p.m.

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STEWARDS' VISIT.

A VISIT by the Stewards to either the Girls' or Boys' Schools has, for some time past, been looked upon as one of the features in connection with the Anniversary Festivals of our Educational Institutions, and from the ever increasing interest which attaches to these periodical gatherings we think there is little chance of the custom being discontinued. On Tuesday the Stewards for the Girls' School were entertained at Battersea, the Chairman of the Festival, Sir Michael E. Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., presiding, and in due course presenting the various prizes. The first part of the entertainment, comprised a selection of music, &c., by the scholars, of which the following is the programme :—

Chant—Psalm xix.
Duett—"The Heavens are telling——Haydn—24 hands (6 pianos).
Recitation—"A B C"—Eliza Cook—Eveline E. Pelham.
Trio (Little Girls)—Frühlings Einzug—Oesten—36 hands (6 pianos).
Recitation—"Harold and Edith"—Tennyson—Ada Huyshe Clase and Violet H. Lang.
Duett (Little Girls)—"Zauberflöte—Mozart—24 hands.
Recitation—"Paradise and the Peri"—Moore—Beatrice Newman.
Duett—Marche du "Capriccio" Op. 22.—Mendelssohn—24 hands.
Recitation—"Mõise sur le Nil"—Victor Hugo—Edwina Russell Jones.
Solo—"Allegretto and Allegro from Sonata" Op. 6—Mendelssohn—Ethel Hinson.
Reading—"Lesson of Faith"—Mrs. Gatty—Fanny Ashby.
Duett—Scherzo and Intermezzo aus der "Sommernachstraum"—Mendelssohn—24 hands.
Recitation—"Wolsey and Cromwell"—Shakespeare—Alice A. Wiseman and Edith A. Wilson.
Duo—Rondo Op. 73—Chopin—12 hands.

At the conclusion of these selections, the Noble Chairman presented the several prizes awarded by the Institution and private donors, to the following :—

Edith Ann Wilson, the Gold Medal for Proficiency, given annually by Bro. William Pass, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn. Fanny Ashby, the Silver Medal for Good Conduct, given annually by the Institution, with £5 given annually by Bro. William Winn. Edwina Russell Jones and Alice Mary Newboult, each a part of £5 for Proficiency, given annually by Bro. William Winn.

Prizes given annually by the Institution :—

Passing Senior Cambridge Examination, Helena Meacock and Florence C. Faithfull; Passing in Honours Cambridge Examination. Edith Ann Wilson, Edwina Russell Jones, and Alice Mary Newboult; Passing Cambridge Examination, Fanny Ashby, Ethel Hinson, Margaret W. Allison, Maria English, Minnie E. Cowley, and Charlotte Coleman; Perseverance and General Proficiency (1st Class), Ida Mary Bryant; Writing and Drawing, Georgina Kate Daly; Needlework, Ida Mary Bryant, Minnie Phillips, Colina Sharp, and Matida Mary Hothersall; Machine Work, Fanny Craig, Alice Boyd, and Kate Boyd; General Usefulness, Florence C. Faithfull and Alice A. Wiseman; Neatness in Household Duties, Kate Isabel Mills; Personal Neatness, Josephine Amelia Herlan; Order and Attention (as proved by Conduct Marks throughout the year) Meta Bell Brazier and Edith Maude Potts.

Class II.—Mabel Elizabeth Sanford, General Proficiency; Emma Elizabeth Tipper, General Improvement; Ada Hartley Healey, Perseverance; Annie Eliza Scott, Perseverance; Agnes Florence Rowley, Drawing; Florence M. G. Moore, Drawing.

Class III.—Clara Kingcombe, General Proficiency; Alice Warburton Cecil, General Improvement; Beatrice Helena Fudge, Perseverance.

Class IV.—Julia Maud Harvey, General Proficiency; Cecily Sara Jardine, Perseverance; Gertrude Annie Daly, Perseverance.

Class V.—Catherine Frances Hide, General Proficiency.

By Bro. Joshua Nunn, for Fancy Work :—Emily S. Treleaven and Mary A. Johnson.

By Bro. the Rev. P. H. E. Brette, D.D., for French :—Edwina Russell Jones.

By Mrs. Crick, for Elocution :—Fanny Ashby, Beatrice A. F. Newman, and Eveline E. Pelham.

By Bro. John M. Clabon, for Religious Knowledge (as distinguished at the Cambridge Examination) :—Edith A. Wilson, and Edwina Russell Jones.

By Bro. Collard Moutrie, for Music :—Ada Huyshe Clase.

By Bro. and Mrs. Louis Hirsch, for Music :—Sarah Lizzie Bellamy, and Fanny E Lapington.

The St. James "Yates Memorial Prize" (per St. James Lodge, No. 482), for Proficiency in Domestic Duties (Cookery) :—Alice Ann Wiseman.

From the Supreme Grand Council of the 33rd degree, for Good Conduct :—Margaret Whitworth Allison.

By Bro. John Faulkner, for Physical Geography, Mary Louisa Bowler; for Cookery, Ethel Hinson.

By Mrs. Edgar Bowyer, for Needlework :—Maria English.

From the "Wentworth Little Memorial Prize," for Music :—Laura S. Stransom, Violet H. Lang, and Mary A. Johnson.

From the "John Boyd Memorial Prize for Drawing :—Minnie E. Cowley, Alice M. Newboult, and Eliza E. Daly.

By Friends of the Late Bro. James Blyth, for Calisthenics and Deportment :—Isabella Douglas, and (among the little Girls) Adelaide M. Brunskill.

By Bro. Alderman Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott and Lady Truscott :—Ethel Hinson, Music; Agnes Kate Chapman, Physiography; Mary C. A. Sargant, Physiography; Florence Rose Sargant, Magnetism and Electricity; Emily S. Treleaven, Cookery.

Having completed the presentations, the Chairman proceeded to address a few words to the pupils, and the company assembled. He was sure all the visitors present would wish him to express their acknowledgments to the managers of the School for the entertainment given by the pupils. He expressed great satisfaction at what he had heard and seen; both had given him a great amount of pleasure; he thought from the way in which the audience had welcomed the several selections that they also were satisfied. He was much struck with the quiet modesty and good taste displayed by the children who had given the recitations, and was especially pleased that one of the prize winners for elocution came from his own Province of Gloucestershire. As regarded the children themselves—to those who had won prizes he would give a caution, not to be led thereby to think by this success the chief object in life was already gained. That was not so; life was still before them, and they had still to press on, and must only look at this success, as an encouragement for further effort. The unsuccessful would learn from their failure that there were ups and downs in life, and must still persevere, remembering the maxim that patience and perseverance conquer all things. After a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the company proceeded to the refreshment rooms, where tea awaited them, which concluded, another move was made to the large school room, where the pupils went through their calisthenic exercise in the usual admirable manner which characterises this part of the day's programme. The singing of the National Anthem brought the programme to a conclusion, the pupils and visitors passing the remainder of the evening in dancing.

THE FESTIVAL.

THE Ninety-Third Anniversary Festival in connection with the Girls' School was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Tavern, London, under the Presidency of the Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Gloucestershire. The meeting was very well attended, and, as will be seen from the figures given below, may be pronounced a grand success. The banquet was well served by Bro. A. Best, proprietor of the tavern, who personally superintended, assisted by Bro. E. Dawkins. At the conclusion of the banquet, and after grace had been sung, the Chairman gave the usual toasts. In proposing that of the Queen, he said nothing could be more unmasonic than for brethren to arrogate to themselves the exclusive possession of any virtue, but he would venture to say that among all the inhabitants of Her Majesty's dominions there were no more loyal subjects than the members of our Order. We revere the Queen, as the best of constitutional Sovereigns; we admire the purity of her life, as a wife and a mother; but, above all, on such an occasion as this, when we have met to advocate the claims of one of our great Charities, do we remember that which is Her Majesty's distinguishing characteristic—viz., her true womanly sympathy with all that is poorest in her realms. The toast was well received, and honoured in the usual form. The health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family was next given. The chairman felt that the geniality of the Prince of Wales added not a little to the warmth of the loyalty with which Freemasons would naturally regard the Heir to the Throne and the Grand Master of their Order. The grace of the Princess of Wales was proverbial, nor must they forget the kindness of both their Royal Highnesses, nor the interest which they had shewn in the Institution honoured that evening. Part of the building had, by permission of Her Royal Highness, been named the Alexandra Wing, and he felt that was but a proof of the interest which she took in its welfare. With regard to other members of the Royal Family, no one in the room was likely to forget the efficient and able manner in which Prince Leopold, only a year ago, was good enough to plead for the Institution. The result was a success, perhaps far beyond what the best friends of the School could have anticipated, and it would be long before they could forget the action of his Royal Highness. The next toast—that of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past—was, the Chairman said, of a very comprehensive character. He was sure that in the presence of so many brethren who had experienced the advantage which the Craft had derived from the wise counsels and high abilities of the Earl of Carnarvon, he need say nothing to recommend the Pro Grand Master. Lord Lathom, the Deputy Grand Master, is popular in his great Province, the home of so many members of the Craft, and popular wherever his genial presence was known throughout the country. As to the rest of the Officers of Grand Lodge, he need say little. It was but a few days since he had had to express his warm personal thanks to no small number of them for the enthusiasm in Freemasonry which prompted their presence at his installation, at a considerable distance from the ordinary scenes of their labours. But their conduct then was but an example of their ordinary work, and he was quite sure that if the interests of Freemasonry demanded it, the Officers of Grand Lodge would be found ready, as in that case, to do their duty. Sir Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex, replied. As the Chairman had said, the toast was a most comprehensive one. The Grand Officers, from the highest to the lowest, had exerted themselves to the utmost of

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their power for many years past, and he believed had done so to the satisfaction of every member of the Order. He was only too happy to reply for the Grand Officers, because he saw himself surrounded by Grand Officers of England and Ireland. Speaking of the Provincial Grand Officers, he felt they were all doing their duty. Most of them were Past Grand Wardens, and, therefore, were thoroughly efficient in every possible way. The work they maintained was, under their superintendence, carried out in a most satisfactory manner; to the brethren in London especially. Sometimes the latter brethren were apt to think that the work in the country was performed in a slovenly manner; but he might say that the ceremonies as performed in London were now spreading throughout the Provinces, and he felt that with the Prov. G. Masters and Grand Officers they now had, they would ultimately see a system of working throughout the country which would be satisfactory to all brethren. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Prov. G.M. West Yorks, proposed the health of the Chairman. He rose with some diffidence to propose this toast, which, however, he was sure would be acceptable, most acceptable, to every brother present. The Chairman was a man well known throughout the kingdom, not only in his public capacity, but in private life; and more particularly so in his own home, where for years and years he had been held up as a pattern for every man to follow. He had had the honour of his acquaintance for a considerable time—he thought since 1864, when he believed they first met in the House of Commons. From that time up to the present moment, the kindest feelings had, he believed, existed between them; and he had every reason to be thankful that he had known him so intimately. It was a credit to know a person who had great distinctions. He had long been a public servant. As they were all aware, he had for many years filled the highest position in Ireland—that of Chief Secretary—the duties of which position he administered to the satisfaction of all. After that he was Secretary to the Colonies for many years, and therefore his experience as a public man was very great indeed. They ought to consider it a great honour that he should have come among them to preside on this occasion. He referred to the large attendance of West Yorkshire brethren, and had no doubt but that they would always vie with Gloucestershire as to who should do the most for Freemasonry. The Chairman, in returning thanks, expressed the gratitude he experienced at the manner in which his health had been proposed, and the kindly welcome which had been extended towards him by all present. Sir H. Edwards had spoken in terms far too flattering of his conduct in other Services, but he begged to remind them and him, that they had met that evening, not as Politicians, but as Masons. It was as a Mason he had accepted the invitation to preside, and he had done so in the belief that of all the many good qualities by which the Craft was distinguished, not one was better or more acceptable than the encouragement of Charity. He could not feel otherwise than flattered at the number of brethren present, remembering, as he did, that His Royal Highness Prince Leopold had occupied the chair last year. He was afraid that under his humbler presidency there might have been a falling off in the attendance. He was glad, therefore, to find that he had the moral support of so many, and he felt sure, before the evening was over, it would be found he had received likewise their material support. Having also especially expressed his thanks to his Gloucestershire brethren—his own dear friends and neighbours—for having met him in such numbers, and for the liberal subscriptions which would be announced later on behalf of his Province, the Right Honourable and Right Worshipful Chairman passed on to plead the cause of the Institution. It occurred to him that it would have been better, perhaps, had the toast of his health been deferred till after he had fulfilled this important duty. Be that as it might, however, he would at once, but briefly, claim their attention while he spoke to the toast of "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." It was, he pointed out, an ancient Charity, to this extent at least—that in a very few years it would be celebrating its Hundredth Anniversary. During the period of its existence it had grown to be one of the brightest ornaments of the Craft. It had educated no less than 1,254 children of members of the Craft, and there were at the present moment 228 girls in receipt of its benefits. It did not need much argument to show that such an Institution deserved to be supported. It would be as well, however, if he reminded them of the uncertainties of life, and the accidents to which all of them were liable. A mere glance at the records of the School would show the position which some of those brethren once held whose children had received, or were receiving, the benefits of this School, and among those present there was not one who could be certain that in the time to come he might not, if he should have children, or his descendants, have good reason to be thankful for the existence of, and that he had contributed some aid towards this Charity. He then spoke of his experience of Tuesday, when he had presided at the presentation of prizes, and he felt there was not a School in the whole of England where a more religious or useful education was given. No one could visit it without being struck with the general tone and character, the modest and cheerful deportment, and the ability of the pupils. Their training was shown by the successes achieved in the Cambridge Examinations, while the School Executive had taken care that the system adopted should be made to include the useful domestic, as well as the more ornamental branches of female education. He had noticed particularly that one of the best cooks in the School was also one of its best musicians; but what had struck him more than anything else was the cheerfulness of the girls, and this he could only attribute to the loving care evinced in their welfare by the governesses and teachers. It might be, added the Chairman, that the present were hard times to all of them, and that men had not so much means at their disposal as they had ten years ago. But of this he was certain, that no money given in Charity was ever wasted, and he felt confident they could not show respect for their Masonic obligations better than by contributing largely to the Masonic Institutions. With these remarks he begged to give them "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton Grand Treasurer desired to thank the Chairman very sincerely for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast. The prosperity of the Institution would, he trusted, be continued in the future as it had been in the past. Two things were requisite; money—which the large-hearted brethren came forward with, and management,—which he was happy to say was there everything that could be desired. Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary of the Institution, then announced that the sum of £11,454 represented the result of the efforts of the Stewards, of whom there were 260. (Full particulars are given on another page). Bro. Maxwell Close proposed Success to the other Masonic Charities; he felt he should be wanting in his appreciation of the principles of the Craft, and form a very low estimate of the Masonic principles, and the benevolence of the brethren assembled, if he deemed it necessary to read any lecture upon the necessity of supporting Masonic Institutions. It was not his mission to draw invidious comparisons between any of the Masonic Charities, he believed that the Craft, true to its principles and its charity, were giving an equal and energetic support to all. Bro. Frederick Binckes replied. He assured the brethren it was a very high honour to stand there once more at so successful a gathering, on behalf of one of the great Masonic Institutions, to return thanks for wishes so kindly expressed towards the other Institutions; he congratulated those connected with the Girls' School on the result of the Festival. He wished it to be distinctly understood that there ought not to be, was not, nor could be, anything in the shape of hostile feeling of one Institution towards another as regarded the success of either one of the great Annual Celebrations. They were all doing the best they could, and always, he hoped, would continue to act as they had in the past,—for the promotion of the welfare of the Institutions. At the same time, he hoped all had hearts large enough to indulge in the most cordial feelings of congratulation on the success attending each or all of them as they came round year by year. With reference to the Festival of the Boys' School, it was pretty well known that a few years ago they had departed from the ordinary course of celebration, and went a little way into the country, for the purpose of affording ladies an opportunity of partaking of the Festivals at the same tables with the brethren, and that course had been pursued for the last six years. He was violating no confidence—in fact, he wished to make known as widely as possible—that they were about to make a startling piece of innovation on the way of inroad. They had taken the Festival some seven miles to the North of London, and occasionally seven miles to the South; they now proposed to go, on the 29th of June, fifty miles Southward,—to the healthy shores of Brighton. The hope was that arrangements would be made there, of a very satisfactory nature, that would add to the enjoyment, at an expense not exceeding previous years. He did not fail to express the very warm and sanguine hope that the Institution would then derive a large amount of that pecuniary support it so much needed, and so eminently deserved. Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn gave "The Stewards of the Day," to which Bro. Frank Richardson replied. "The Ladies" was proposed by Bro. Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, and acknowledged by Bro. Baron de Ferrieres. This concluded the toast list of the evening, and the brethren repaired to the Temple, where the customary Concert was in progress. We may add that the Boys' Band of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys played a selection during the banquet; the other musical arrangements were under the direction of Madame Thaddeus Wells.

LONDON.

			£	s	d
Grand Stewards,		Richardson F	150	9	0
Lodge	1	Martin George	15	15	0
	2	Turner Sharon G	43	1	0
Chap.	2	Letchworth Edward	52	10	0
Lodge	4	Veley A C	21	0	0
	5	Jones J Rowley	30	0	0
	6	Ormsby Captain	10	10	0
	7	Brunning H C	37	5	6
	8	Wellsman, W	16	16	0
	9	Chifferiel F	75	12	0
	10	Weller-Poley T	45	3	0
	11	Curlier Felix	29	8	0
	12	Coombs Robert	43	1	0
	14	Montennis Eugene	12	12	0
	18	Huggins John F	38	17	0
	19	Bywater Witham M	50	0	0
	21	Zambra Joseph W	33	12	0
	22	Britton George	31	10	0
	23	Davies E C	23	2	0
Lodge	28	Davy John H	24	3	0
	29	Roebuck Wm C E	53	11	0
	33	Campbell Daniel	70	0	0
	46	Rooke Frederick H	43	1	0
	55	Cooper James	64	3	0
	65	Brown G T	246	15	0
	90	Cross J L	60	0	0
	91	Strong Isaac C	50	0	0
	99	Cheston C Cheston	73	10	0
Chap.	142	Atkinson Charles E	15	15	0
Lodge	142	Lane J H	26	15	0
Chap.	157	Pulman Charles	71	0	0
Lodge	167	Davis George	100	16	0
	172	Watson John	44	2	0
	173	Blyth James	52	15	0
	179	Webb J G	42	10	6
	181	Layton Alfred T	24	3	0
	183	Shaboe Rev D	10	10	0
	186	Seex John	50	8	0
	197	Paul Dr B H	37	16	0
Lodge	198	Lockwood J M	15	15	0
	259	Hanson Alderman R	47	5	0
	511	Millbourn Carter	75	5	0
	534	Privett Harry	28	7	0
	538	Quitmann J	26	5	0
	554	Kindred James	39	7	6
	657	Maple William	136	10	0
	720	Lambert George	33	12	0
	733	Long James	65	0	0
	754	Lewis E G	36	15	0
	813	Stead William	26	5	0
	822	Trower Ernest	73	10	0
	862	Irvine J	103	19	0
	879	Emler Albert	63	0	0
	902	Wilkins William	25	0	0
	907	Dennis John	73	10	0
Chap	1056	Leggott J H	47	5	0
Lodge	1159	Moxon H J, F.S.A.	31	10	0
	1196	Tickle Japheth	51	9	0
	1261	Wolfsky Moritz	40	11	6

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			£	s	d
Lodge	1305	Foxall S G	36	15	0
	1329	Bickerton G T	50	0	0
	1383	Farmer Capt W R G	140	14	0
	1420	Spooner Edward	45	3	0
	1421	March William	26	5	0
	1506	Sutherland H	12	12	0
	1537	Hunt Henry A	64	0	0
	1541	Snelling W W	74	11	0
	1559	Smith Ernest E	13	13	0
	1563	Scott Edwin J	119	14	0
	1584	Mortimer C E	75	0	0
	1586	Hammond John	36	0	0
	1589	Clemow W H	20	0	0
	1598	Claridge W C	38	4	6
	1599	Laker George	45	3	0
	1602	Norris William			
	1608	Cuff J W	108	19	0
	1612	Kasner Henry	73	0	0
	1614	Kedgley C	79	16	0
	1615	Burney Col H S S	51	9	0
	1629	Martyn Rev C J, M.A.	35	14	0
	1642	Penn George, Lander E M, Parkhouse S H	300	0	0
	1657	White Samuel	70	17	6
	1658	Earney G J	32	12	0
	1671	Schmidt E F L Carl	66	3	0
	1681	Barfield A	48	0	0
	1704	Maggeridge R W	70	7	0
	1706	Maybrick M	92	8	0
	1707	Money Ernest M	40	11	0
4 and	1718	Whitmore W T	11	11	0
	1719	Williams Alfred	105	0	0
	1732	Briggs John Tippen	28	0	6
	1766	Bartram C F, Barnard J B, Benjamin Elias	100	0	0
			10	10	0
	1767	Williams C E	36	15	0
	1768	Duret A W	35	0	0
	1804	Hermann C A, Hunt F J	42	0	0
	1900	Festa G P	36	15	0
Mark Degree		Dewar D M	63	0	0
Red Cross		Dubois H A	63	0	0

UNATTACHED.

			£	s	d
		Berridge Robert	10	10	0
		Bowyer Edgar	12	12	0
		Hammerton Charles	15	15	0
		King John B	25	0	0
		Long P de Lande	31	10	0
		Mather E C	31	10	0
		Peters Lt.-Col James	21	0	0
		Smith Griffiths	31	10	0
		White C R			
		Woodford Rev A F A, M.A.	10	10	0
		Woodward E C	10	10	0

THE PROVINCES.

BERKS AND BUCKS.

			£	s	d
	209	Carter J O	36	15	0
	574	Lyon Francis H	18	12	0
	591	Charubin Gustav A	11	16	0
	1492	Kirchhoffer S G	14	14	0
1501&C.	382	Batting James	21	0	0
	1639	Elmes Joseph	20	2	0

CHESHIRE.

			£	s	d
	368	Gilbert S	10	10	0
	537	Deakin J B	12	12	0
	1045	Gilbody Capt. A H	37	16	11
	1289	Corelli A	10	10	0
	1565	Richardson G	21	0	0
	1576	Chesworth T	36	15	0

DERBYSHIRE.

			£	s	d
	353	Walters William	52	10	0
		Diamond Hugh E	10	10	0

DEVONSHIRE.

			£	s	d
	189	Curtois J E	63	0	0
	444	Woodman W R, M.D.	125	15	8
	1402	Chapman John	12	12	0

DORSETSHIRE.

			£	s	d
		Montagu J M P, D.L., J.P.	112	7	0
	622	Atkins J A	10	10	0

DURHAM.

			£	s	d
Prov. &	111	Luck Richard	121	15	6

ESSEX.

			£	s	d
Lodge	214	Florence E B	15	15	0
	433	Poppleton R Dickon	38	7	0
	453	Egan John	40	0	0
	1543	Shedd E, M.R.C.S.E.	127	1	0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Right Hon. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P. (Chairman)

			£	s	d
	82	Basevi Col. H G, De Ferrieres the Baron, M.P., Godfrey Henry J P, Godfrey Ernest W, Gwinnett W H			
Chap.	82	Brooke-Smith J, Forth W, Porcher W R			
Lodge	246	Lawrence Edwin, Norman George			
	493	Haines G W, Halton A V, Moss Samuel, Matthews R A			
	592	Mullings John, Tudway Clement			
	839	Bruton James, Bryan John, Smith R Vassar, White Robert W			
	900	Gregory Edward J			
	1067	Heane W C, Kerr Cranstoun			

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(The amounts of the several lists will be given in our next issue.)

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

			£	s	d
	76	Murray J J	43	1	0
	723	Stone Henry	31	10	0
	804	Francis Thomas	57	15	0
	1069	Groves Edwin	50	0	0

HERTFORDSHIRE.

			£	s	d
Chap.	403	Roberts David	42	0	0
Lodge	1327	Knight James	32	11	0
	1757	Thompson Rev W O	25	0	0

KENT.

			£	s	d
	31	Higham Philip	35	16	6
	125	Ashdown Edward	5	5	0
Chap.	199	Lukey Edward	50	8	0
Lodge	558	Wagner O H	12	12	0
	709	Greenhill G W	141	15	0
	784	Wood Benjamin	27	6	0
	1206	Emmerson R J	11	11	0
	1314	Avery A, Carrington S	31	10	0
			10	10	0
	1536	Western W A	14	0	0

LANCASHIRE (East Division.)

			£	s	d
	44	Bennett Capt H A	36	15	0
	210	Hall James	31	10	0
	277	Tweedale J F	52	10	0
	1009	Huet F A, L.D.S.	40	8	6
	1253	Hoffgaard J F	36	15	0

LANCASHIRE (West Division.)

			£	s	d
	32	Robertson H R	52	10	0
	673	Callow J T	12	12	0
	786	Bailey Dr F J	23	2	0
	1035	Newell John	10	10	0
	1182	Martin R jun	52	10	0
	1264	Wylie Alexander C	14	14	0
	1298	Whiteside William	36	15	0
		Young Reginald	12	12	0
	1502	Schönstadt S	13	13	0
	1609	Bell Joseph	36	15	0
	1675	Evans Thomas	10	10	0

LEICESTER AND RUTLAND.

			£	s	d
Prov.		Macaulay T, M.D.	228	6	0

MIDDLESEX.

			£	s	d
	708	Inglish James	16	16	0
	1194	Hedges F R W	67	15	3
	1293	Sindall R L	31	10	0
	1309	Smiles Clement L	11	11	0
	1326	Gilbert Edwin	21	0	0
	1423	Baldwin J W	27	6	0
		Faulkner J, L.D.S.	10	10	0
	1579	Weld Henry C	15	15	0
	1777	Marshall H B, C.C.	105	0	0

MONMOUTH.

			£	s	d
Lodge	1429	Watkins William	31	10	0

NORFOLK.

			£	s	d
Prov.	107	Barwell H G, Woodwark G S	111	6	0

NORTH WALES AND SALOP.

			£	s	d
Prov. &	1124	Spaull F R	68	5	0
	1621	Southwell H B	21	0	0

OXFORDSHIRE.

			£	s	d
	357	Wigram Rev S R	15	15	0
	599	Potts John	11	0	6

SOMERSETSHIRE.

			£	s	d
Prov. &	41	Wilton Thomas	181	13	0

SOUTH WALES (East Division).

			£	s	d
Prov.		Thomas Rowland	120	0	0

SOUTH WALES (West Division).

			£	s	d
Prov.		Thomas Edwin	300	0	0

STAFFORDSHIRE.

			£	s	d
Prov. &	726	Wood Thomas	157	10	0

SUFFOLK.

			£	s	d
Prov. &	332	Grimwade A J	107	2	0

SURREY.

			£	s	d
	416	Thomson James D			
	452	Manning F A	16	5	0
	1046	Goddard D, Keen E	26	5	0
	1149	Gray H B	15	15	0
	1395	Eager T Cawley	102	7	0
	1616	Brodie G B, M.D.	13	13	0

SUSSEX.

			£	s	d
Prov. &	1184	Duke Charles W	105	0	0

WARWICKSHIRE.

			£	s	d
	502	Bennett Henry, Boughton-Leigh Rev. B, Levett Capt. C R	36	15	0
			13	13	0
	567	Goate W R	5	5	0
	739	Bowley H	11	11	0

WILTSHIRE.

			£	s	d
	335	Martin Joseph	57	15	0
	626	Collen G W	38	11	6

WORCESTERSHIRE.

			£	s	d
	1874	Pigot H B, Taylor G	68	5	0

YORKSHIRE (North & East.)

			£	s	d
	236	Todd Joseph	63	0	0
	566	Atkinson J T	13	13	0
	1611	Cumberland J S	57	15	0

YORKSHIRE (West.)

			£	s	d
	61	Edwards Lt.-Col. Sir H, Bart., D.L., J.P.			
	154	Sanderson T K, Simpson Edward			
	208	Critchley R J, J.P.			
	289	Williamson A			
	302	Armitage J R, J.P., Smith Henry			
	380	Wordsworth Capt. J			
	448	Holdsworth H S, Lee James Gooding, Swale William			
	904	Williamson E			
	910	Fisher Robert, Tew T W, J.P., Tew Mrs T W			
	1001	Smithson W F			
	1019	Green Herbert G			
	1211	Fourness J W			
	1214	Hudson William			
	1513	Embleton T W, Newton George, Parker Robert C, Wilson Peter			
	1522	Legge Henry			
	1648	Stephenson Alfred			

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 21st MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

MONDAY, 23rd MAY.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)

49—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
909—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford

TUESDAY, 24th MAY.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
454—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1658—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1693—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In.)
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 25th MAY.

193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1663—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)

163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction.)
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
M. M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Town Hall, Devizes
R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 26th MAY.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
99—Shakespeare, The Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1436—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)

51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
934—Phœnix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
986—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield
R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R. A. 309—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
R.A. 1214—Scarborough Hall, Scarborough, Caledonian-road, Batley
M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T.—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 27th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
834—Rawlegh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 28th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Prince George, Parkholme Road, Dalston.
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—On Monday last, at the George Hotel, Australian-avenue, Barbican. Bros. Gush W.M., Fitch S.W., Johnson J.W., Wing Treasurer, Fox Secretary, Collison S.D., Pelican J.D., Caton I.G., and several others. Lodge was opened in due form, and after the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, it was regularly advanced. Bro. Corke answered the questions leading to the third degree. Bro. Fox worked the first section of the third lecture, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Corke acting as candidate. Bro. Pelican worked the second, and Bro. Gush the third section of the degree. Bro. Corke was elected a member. Lodge was closed, and adjourned till Monday next, at seven o'clock.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—The brethren held their usual weekly meeting at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday evening, 13th instant. There were present Bros. Tucker (Treas.) W.M., Gunner (Hon. Sec.) S.W., C. E. Botley J.W., Monson S.D., Sperring J.D., F. Botley I.G., Roe P.M. Prec., Blasby W.M. 780, Goss P.M., Gomm P.M., Geflowski, S. Blasby, Maton, Cunningham 1612, Hayes 1559, &c. After all formalities had been observed, Bro. Hayes answered the questions leading to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed, the traditional history included, to the evident enjoyment of the brethren. Lodge was then closed in the third degree, and Bro. Tucker vacated the chair in favour of the W.M. of the mother Lodge, who resumed Lodge to the first degree, and rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Goss kindly representing the candidate. Bro. Tucker resumed the chair. Bros. Hayes and Cunningham were elected members. Bro. Gunner was chosen W.M. for 3rd June, and he appointed his Officers. 20th May will be Officers' night, and the 27th May the regular meeting of the mother Lodge. Lodge was then closed, with due observance of antient custom, and the meeting adjourned till 20th May at 8 p.m.

Mount Edgcumbe Lodge of Instruction, No. 1446.—On Tuesday, 10th instant, at the Harp Tavern, Jermyn-street. Present Bros. Blundell W.M., Percy S.W., Richardson J.W., Farwig Preceptor, F. Green Hon. Secretary; Bros. Hemming, Sillis, Kirkaldy, and others. Lodge was opened in due form and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The first section of the second lecture was worked by Bro. Farwig. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. F. Green candidate. The second and fifth sections were worked by Bro. Hemming, and the third by Bro. Richardson. Bro. Percy was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

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PAXTON LODGE, No. 1686.

THIS Lodge—which has hitherto held its meetings at the Crystal Palace, and has now, by consent of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, been removed to the Masonic Hall, Camberwell, the former place having been found very inconvenient for the members—held its installation meeting on Saturday, the 14th instant. The brethren present were Bros. F. J. Sawyer W.M., W. H. Boswell S.W. (W.M. elect), J. M. Klenck P.M. Treasurer, H. E. Frances P.P.G.D. Honorary Secretary, Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. Honorary Chaplain, N. J. Basnett S.D., G. R. Dodd J.D., T. Walker I.G.; also Bros. Goddard, Jones, Sherman, Damart, Partridge, Pincoti, Moore, M.A. Visitors—Bros. T. Vincent P.G.S. W.M. 1861, T. Fryer J.W. 181, E. Cocks S.W. 1339, W. Richardson 72. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, a ballot was about to be taken for the initiation of Mr. T. Hanington, when Bro. Moore, M.A., rose, and stated that he had no desire to oppose the introduction of Mr. Hanington into the Lodge, but he would like his proposer to state his knowledge of the intended member. Bro. Partridge, as proposer, gave a very satisfactory reply, and Bro. Frances, as seconder of the proposition, said he felt sure no member of the Lodge would introduce a candidate he thought unworthy of the privilege of being made a Mason. The Rev. R. J. Simpson complimented the Lodge on the evident care the brethren took in the selection of members, and thought it worthy of imitation in all Lodges. The ballot proved unanimous in favour of Mr. Hanington, who was then introduced and ably inducted into the first mysteries of the Craft by Brother Sawyer. On the retirement of Bro. Hanington. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Boswell was presented and duly installed into the chair of K S. by the W.M. The Officers were appointed as follow :—Bros. Basnett S.W., Dodd J.W., J. M. Klenck Treasurer, H. E. Frances Secretary, Walker S.D., Goddard J.D., Partridge I.G., Sharman D.C., Damart W.S. The charges and addresses were then given by Bro. Frances in his usual impressive manner. A handsome jewel, the design of Bro. Frances, was presented to Bro. Sawyer I.P.M., who had served the office of W.M. for eighteen months. The brethren then adjourned to banquet, where the usual toasts were honoured, and charity—solicited for a special case of distress—met with a liberal response from the members.

ARNOLD LODGE, No. 1799.

THE annual Installation meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Marine Hotel, Walton-on-the-Naze, on Tuesday, 10th inst., at which a large number of brethren were present, including W. Bros. Thos. J. Ralling P.G. Sec. Essex, A. Welch P.M. 51 P.P.G.J.W. Essex, J. P. Lewis W.M. 276 P.G.S., W. O. Ward P.M. 650 P.P.G.P., S. Jacobs 1327 P.P.G.P. Herts, George Abbott P.P.G.S.B. Suffolk, A. Gosling W.M. 697, Thos. Rix P.M. 697 P.P.G.S.B., T. Eustace I.P.M. 697 P.G.S.B., G. A. Eustace J.W. 697, Harry Everard Sec. 650, G. L. Jackson 650. The members of 1799 included—W. Bros. E. Dorling W.M. and P.P.G. Sec. Suffolk, C. Randall S.W., C. Hempson J.W. (the W.M. elect), R. H. Scott Sec., R. Welham Treas., W. Finer I.G., J. James Tyler, B. A. Arnold P.M., F. Fleck P.M. 771, G. A. Rickarby, W. R. Bloom, E. Osmond, Flanders, Patten, W. B. Turner, Daniell, C. Rushbrooke Nunn, F. J. Nunn, Cracknell, Harris, Smith, Nicholson, Towse, &c. The installation ceremony was most ably and impressively performed by W. Bro. A. Welch P.M. 51 P.P.J.G.W. After his installation the new Master appointed the following Officers for the year—W. R. Bloom S.W., R. H. Scott J.W., R. Welham Treas., E. Dorling P.M. Sec., A. G. Rickarby S.D., W. Finer J.D., F. J. Nunn I.G., C. R. Nunn Organist, J. Flanders Steward, and J. James Tyler. The special features at the Lodge were the presentation by its munificent founder, Bro. B. A. Arnold, of a beautiful set of gauntlets, in blue satin and silver lace, for the W.M., S.W. and J.W. respectively, Bro. Arnold assuring the Lodge it should never want for a friend while he was living; and the other was the singing of a sweet Installation Hymn, specially composed for the occasion by Bro. C. R. Nunn, of Clacton-on-Sea. The brethren then adjourned to a splendid banquet, served up in the excellent manner for which Brother Fleck is so well noted. The toasts, given in the usual Masonic manner, included The Queen and the Craft, The M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, The M.W. Pro G.M. of England, The R.W. D.G.M. of England and the rest of the Grand Officers, The R.W. P.G.M. of Essex, and the P.G. Officers past and present, The Installing Master, The Worshipful Master, The Immediate P.M., The Visitors, &c. The principal musical brethren were G. Abbott, Ipswich, and C. R. Nunn, Clacton-on-Sea, the latter acting as Organist in the Lodge. Through the promised help of Bro. B. A. Arnold P.G.S.W. of Essex, in all probability a Royal Arch Chapter will be petitioned for in connection with this Lodge.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 12th instant, at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing. Present :—Bros. George Coop W.M., A. Jones S.W., J. Green J.W., H. E. Tucker Treasurer, J. Wells Secretary, H. Youens S.D., R. J. Paton J.D., C. Bellerby I.G.; Past Masters H. Kasner and W. Rickwood; Bros. G. S. Wright, E. Geflowski, Cunningham, Le Guys, E. C. Porter, Gasson. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, with Bro. Cunningham candidate, the traditional history being fully explained. The Lodge was closed to first degree. Bro. R. J. Paton, of Israel Lodge No. 205, was unanimously elected a member. It was agreed that the Annual Banquet should take place on the first Thursday in September. Bro. A. Jones was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and then Lodge was closed in due form.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1741.—Tuesday, 17th instant, at the Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury-pavement. Present—Bros. Cuthbertson W.M., Redding S.W., Blinkhorn J.W., J. L. Mather Preceptor, C. G. Sparrow Secretary, Kern S.D., Pitt I.G. After preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bros. Hepburn and Hall candidates respectively. Lodge was opened in the third, and closed to the first degree, when Bro. Buch was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1607.—The brethren of this Lodge held their second meeting for the year, at the Alexandra Palace, on Saturday, 14th inst. There were present Bros. E. Legge (P.M. of the Urban Lodge) W.M., C. J. Perceval I.P.M., E. Bedell S.W., Jones J.W., Carr S.D., Roberts J.D., W. Giller I.G., J. Newton P.M. Sec., F. Brown P.M. Treas., Webb P.M.; also Bros. C. Hill (Honorary Member), A. Perceval, Cushing, Clark, Houldsworth, Little, &c. Lodge was opened in the usual form, and the minutes of previous meeting read and verified, after which the five last named brethren were asked the questions for the second degree, and were entrusted. All of them then retired, and on re-admission were duly passed to the second degree, the charge and the lecture on the second tracing board was delivered to them by the I.P.M. Bro. C. J. Perceval. A petition was signed on behalf of the widow of a deceased brother. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed according to ancient custom. After a short interval the brethren sat down to a *récherché* banquet, admirably placed on the table by the enterprising managers, Messrs. Jones and Barber. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and the evening was enlivened by vocal harmony, ably rendered by several of the members. The brethren broke up at an early hour, on their way to the Station passing through the Large Hall of the Alexandra Palace, which was rendered more than ordinarily attractive by a beautiful show of flowers.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 17th instant. Bros. Smith W.M., Ives S.W., Myers J.W., Pavitt I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Musto Preceptor; also Bros. McGeorge, Day, Keable, Rawe, and Peterken. The Lodge opened, and after the minutes had been read, was advanced to the second degree. Bro. McGeorge answered the necessary questions, and the Lodge opened in the third, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, the Preceptor undertaking the Deacon's work, thus giving a practical lesson to the younger Masons present. Bro. Worsley worked the first section of the lecture. The Lodge closed to the first, when Bro. Worsley was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, on which occasion sections only will be worked. Business to commence at seven precisely. As this is the first time the Secretary has undertaken to occupy the chair this year, we trust his friends will rally round him. He will be ably assisted by P.M. Myers as S.W.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 9th inst., at York. Bro. J. T. Seller in the chair; and there were also present Bros. C. G. Padel I.P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., J. S. Cumberland P.M., G. Balmford P.M., G. Simpson S.W., Jas. Kay Secretary, T. Humphries Assistant Secretary, A. T. B. Turner and J. Blenkin Deacons, R. Ware, J. R. Jackson, and many other brethren. The business consisted of the raising of Bro. Lamb to the third degree, which was performed by the W.M., who also gave the traditional history, tracing board and working tools. Several volumes of books were presented to the Lodge library, and votes of thanks passed to the donors. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, Provincial Charity Steward, announced that he should be present at the forthcoming Festival for the Girls, and several subscriptions were added to his list. After the close of the Lodge a couple of hours were spent in social conversation and refreshment.

Kings Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—The regular meeting was held on the 15th instant, at Bro. Devine's, the Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square. Bros. Kauffmann W.M., Davis S.W., E. Harvey J.W., Devine Treasurer, L. Solomon Sec., J. Harvey S.D., N. Vallentine J.D., H. Phillips I.G., J. Hemming Preceptor. In all thirty-one brethren were present. The Lodge of Instruction was opened, and minutes of last meeting were confirmed. The first and fourth sections of the first lecture were worked. The ceremonies of passing and initiation were then rehearsed. Bros. Wood, W. C. Smith, Harrison, and Avenal were elected members. As Bro. Devine's premises are about to be rebuilt, it was necessary that the members should make arrangements to continue their Lodge of Instruction somewhere in the immediate neighbourhood. It was therefore proposed and carried that so soon as it became necessary to remove, of which due notice will be given, the meetings be held temporarily at Bro. Copelin's, Adam's Arms, Hampstead-street, Fitzroy-square. Bro. Davis was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the meeting was adjourned.



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MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

THE regular Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of England will be held on Wednesday next, 1st June, and, as will be seen from the notice we publish elsewhere, the amount of important business that is set down for consideration is far in excess of the average. Taking the salient features of the agenda paper in the order of their arrangement, we come, in the first place, on certain propositions for a permanent increase in the number of Grand Officers and the Grand Officers of Provinces of a certain strength. As stated in the Report of the Board of General Purposes, twenty years have elapsed since any permanent addition was made to the number of Grand Officers, and having regard to the fact that in the course of that period many new Lodges have been consecrated, involving, as of course, a very large increase in the number of Freemasons, it recommends that an addition be made in the shape of two Standard Bearers and a Deputy Director of Ceremonies, such addition to take effect on and after the Grand Festival of 1882 Now, at first sight this may seem to be a matter of but little consequence. But with the increased numerical strength of the Fraternity, it must follow that there is something like a commensurate increase in the number of those who are deserving of Grand Lodge honours. The Grand Offices, to which, in accordance with law or usage, it is in the power of the Grand Master to appoint brethren are about twelve in all. Grand Treasurer is elected by the members of Grand Lodge. Grand Registrar is appointed annually, but as a knowledge of Masonic law and usage is not acquired in a day, it has been usual to re-appoint from year to year the same Brother to this important office, so that on all questions of importance there may be some one capable of offering a sound and respectable opinion. Grand Secretary, once appointed by the Grand Master, may be looked upon as a life tenant of the office, or, at all events, as is the case with our judges, as tenant during good behaviour. The Grand Superintendency of Works and the Grand Directorship of Ceremonies must be set down in the same category with the Grand Secretaryship, as being offices held for life or during good behaviour. A Grand Assistant Secretary is only occasionally appointed, and then, as in the case of the late Bro. Farnfield, and our present respected Bro. Buss, as a reward of merit for the unusually able performance of important functions in the office of Grand Secretary. A G. Secretary for German Correspondence is a necessary as well as an ornamental addition to the roll of G. Officers, but as the office entails a certain amount of work and corresponding quantum of responsibility, a change in the person holding it is not likely to occur often. Then the Grand and Assistant Grand Pursuivancies by usage entail only a single appointment annually, as the Assistant Grand Pursuivant of one year is customarily, and rightly in our opinion, promoted to Grand Pursuivant of the next. There are thus for appointment annually only the two Grand Wardens, two Grand Chaplains, four Grand Deacons, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Organist, and the Assistant Grand Pursuivant, while as regards the Grand Chaplains, and G. Organist, the number of brethren eligible, from whom the Grand Master must make his selection, is of necessity very limited. However, setting this point aside, it is clear that of the very many deserving brethren whose services it would only be too gratifying to the Grand Master to recognise, it is in his power to requite those of only twelve. A proposal to increase their number to fifteen, that is by twenty-five per cent., is an eminently judicious one, and we hope, will find acceptance with Grand Lodge. The same remarks apply to the further proposition that in Provinces—and are we justified in including Districts likewise?—in which there are forty Lodges and upwards, the Prov. Grand Masters shall be empowered to appoint annually four Grand Deacons instead of two, and a Provincial Grand Deputy Director of Ceremonies. If this proposition be carried, the rule will apply to East Lancashire, West Lancashire. West Yorkshire, Kent, and Devonshire, and if Districts abroad be included, to those of Victoria and New South Wales.

The next matter of consequence which will be submitted will be the report of the Board of General Purposes on the motion referred to it by Grand Lodge in connection with the Voigt-Tudor difference. It will be in the recollection of our readers that last year Bro. Voigt brought an action for libel against Bro. Tudor and others, and was successful in obtaining a verdict, but with the nominal damages of one farthing only, and each party to the suit had to pay his own costs. This latter point placed Bro. Tudor in a dilemma, and accordingly, at the March Communication, he submitted a motion to the effect that a grant of £150 should be made to him from the Fund of General Purposes towards defraying the £169 4s 11d costs incurred by him. The Board, having duly discussed the matter in all its bearings, report that the principle of Grand Lodge devoting any portion of its funds towards defraying the cost of legal proceedings not incurred by its authority or on its behalf by the Board of General Purposes would be "an innovation constituting a very inconvenient precedent, and leading to most undesirable results;" and further, that there is nothing in the case submitted to them to justify a departure from the principle aforesaid. For ourselves, we have already so distinctly and emphatically expressed our opinion on the matter, that we need hardly be at the pains of repeating ourselves in the present article. It may be as well, however, if we take note of certain of the reasons urged by the Grand Registrar in March against the acceptance by Grand Lodge of Bro. Tudor's motion. Said our learned Brother:—"This Brother, I regret to say, is an unsuccessful defendant, who has been proved by the verdict of a jury to have improperly, and without foundation, assailed the character of a Brother, and he comes and asks Grand Lodge to pay costs, the greater part of which have been occasioned by his own act in forcing the brother to proceed with his action. Whatever the costs were up to that time, he would have none to pay, except his own Solicitor, but he tried to force the plaintiff in the action to pay those costs, against the advice of the learned Judge, who, by the way, is a Mason and a member of the Middlesex Lodge, and who was extremely desirous this should not go on; and we should never have heard of this stale matter, which occurred in 1877, if it had not been for Bro. Trevor, who is your supplicant now, moving the Court to compel Bro. Voigt to go on with his action or to pay his costs, which he had incurred in defending the statements in this summons, which the jury have found to be without justification." It should be added that Bro. McIntyre, in the course of his remarks, pointed out that, though the Provincial Grand Master—of North and East Yorkshire—did not, as he might have done, reinstate Brother Voigt and his companions in misfortune—presumably on the ground that to have done so would not have tended to increase the harmony of the Lodge—his Lordship had further said,

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"that unless the Lodge went on more properly than it had done, it would be a grave matter for consideration with him whether the Lodge itself should not be suspended." Brother Philbrick, who, like the Grand Registrar, is a Q.C., though not entirely concurring in the comments of his learned brother, agreed with him that Grand Lodge would be acting without precedent, and also entirely outside the principles of the Order, if it acceded to Bro. Tudor's motion. Bro. Shackles, Worshipful Master of Lodge 1511, in which occurred the unfortunate difference which resulted in the lawsuit and Bro. Trevor's motion, then rose, and moved that Grand Lodge should proceed to further business, and Bro. Curteis, of Devon, in seconding the amendment, expressed his opinion that no more monstrous attempt to foist legal expenses on Grand Lodge could ever have been made, and that Bro. Trevor, so far from having upheld the principles of the Craft, had, in violating the secrecy of the ballot, himself ignored one of those great principles. The amendment was carried, but when the Most Worshipful Grand Master was about to put the original motion, it was agreed to relegate the matter to the Board of General Purposes, and defer dealing with the motion till the report had been received; Bro. Gould, in the meantime, very sensibly pointing out that if Grand Lodge paid the costs incurred by the unsuccessful litigant, it ought most certainly, in common justice, to pay those of the successful one. We trust, after the report of the Board, of which we have given particulars, we shall hear no more of Bro. Trevor and his costs.

There is, in addition, a motion of which notice has been given by Bro. Major Edwin Bond, of Lodge No. 887, Birmingham, and which will accordingly come under discussion on Wednesday. It reads to this effect:—"That the Fund of Benevolence be decentralised so far as the Provinces are concerned, and that a moiety of the subscriptions now transmitted to Grand Lodge by the country Lodges be paid direct into the several Provincial Grand Lodges for the purpose of meeting the numerous local claims for immediate relief which are now so constantly made to those Bodies." We shall take an opportunity of dealing with this more fully on some future occasion, but a few remarks just now will be pertinent. We consider the motion exceedingly ill-advised, and as calculated to prove injurious rather than of service to our brethren in the Provinces. We would point out to Bro. Major Bond that the Constitutions provide for the establishment of Provincial Funds of Benevolence, so that ordinary cases of local distress may be dealt with on the spot, while in extraordinary cases relief can be given both out of the Local Fund, and the great Central Fund, or Lodge of Benevolence. If Bro. Major Bond will turn to page 53 of the Constitutions, he will find the following: "Great advantage having been experienced from the establishment of a Local Fund for charitable and other Masonic purposes, each Provincial Grand Lodge may direct payments to be made by the Provincial Grand Officers and the Lodges in the Province for this desirable purpose (exclusive of the contributions payable to the Grand Lodge). The payments by Lodges shall not exceed the following sums, viz., sixpence per quarter for every contributing member of a Lodge, five shillings for every person who has been initiated, and one shilling for every member who has joined any Lodge since the last payment. This fund cannot be established without the concurrence of at least two-thirds of the members present in Provincial Grand Lodge, nor unless each Lodge in the Province shall have had due notice of the meeting, and of the intention to propose the establishment of such fund, nor until the decision shall have been confirmed at a subsequent meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, of which due notice shall also be given. If this fund be established, the mode of contribution by Lodges shall on no pretence be departed from, though the Provincial Grand Lodge may diminish any of the payments, or exact only part of them at their discretion. Thus country Lodges can, in no case, be subject to fees exceeding those paid by every Lodge within the London district, while their members will have the advantage of a local fund as well as of the general fund of Charity in London. The Provincial Grand Lodge may make such regulations as they may deem necessary for the application of this fund." It will be seen from this, that in those Provinces where such funds are established, brethren who may be so unfortunate as to need assistance have two funds to which they can apply, the local Fund and the central Fund. In this respect they have the advantage over brethren similarly circumstanced, who reside in the Metropolitan district. It must be a great boon to a brother who may need, or be thought worthy of, only a small amount of help, to know that he can obtain it, so to speak, on the spot; while as regards the large and important cases, the prompt assistance from the local fund will doubtless suffice to carry them on till their petitions to the Central Fund have been adjudicated upon, and such grants as may be made are forthcoming. On the other hand, if a portion of the subscriptions directed to be paid to the Fund of Benevolence is handed over to the Provincial Fund, the efficiency of the former will be impaired without any commensurate benefit accruing to the latter. Last year, for instance, the account of the Fund of Benevolence, as stated by Bro. Harding, the Auditor, began the year with a balance due to the Fund of General Purposes of £701 15s. Its Receipts amounted to £9,270 3s, and its Disbursements to £10,109 5s, so that the year closed with a balance, namely, amount overdrawn, taken from Fund for General Purposes, of £1,540 17s. It will be said, of course, that if a moiety of the Provincial Lodge contributions is withheld from the Central Fund and diverted into specially-established Provincial Funds, there will be a diminished number of petitions to the former. We have very serious doubts on this point. If a large central fund is unable, through pressure of applications, to make both sides of its account square, we cannot see how a number of small funds scattered throughout the country will fare better. For instance, a Province is now under an obligation to transmit subscriptions amounting, we will assume, in the aggregate to £60. This added to a number of other sums of smaller or greater amount, together with the contributions of the London Lodges, yield, say, some £7,600 a year. But give one £30 to the Central Fund, and the other £30 to the Provincial Fund, and we should like to know how long it will take the latter to raise a sufficiently large sum so as to administer substantial relief to the extent of £100, £150, and even occasionally to a higher figure. A case in point, by way of illustration, will be found in the Report of the Lodge of Benevolence, which will be submitted on Wednesday next. The Lodge has recommended a grant of £200 to a distressed brother of Lodge No. 945, Abingdon. Now, if we assume that in Berks and Bucks the receipts annually of its provincial Fund of Benevolence reached even the considerable sum of £100—considerable, that is to say, as regards the number of its subscribing members—how would it be possible for it to vote a sum of £200, as has been recommended to be done in the case noted? A large fund with over £50,000 Government Stock to its credit may venture to give largely, when large gifts are held to be desirable or necessary; but a number of small funds could only give in proportion to their modest annual receipts, and, it might be, equally modest investments. No, our Constitutions have wisely provided that for administrative purposes there shall be, where desirable, Provincial Grand Lodges, seeing that they are better able to cope with matters of local interest, while in respect of important questions vitally affecting the well-being of the Fraternity, there is a final appeal to Grand Lodge, our central Masonic Diet or Parliament. But it has also been as wisely ordered that in matters of Benevolence, while the Constitutions, as we have shown, sanction, and indeed encourage the establishment of Provincial Charity Funds, they insist on there being one Grand Central Fund of Benevolence, to which all worthy, indigent Masons, be they Metropolitan or Provincial, English, Scotch, Irish, or foreign, may apply for help in the time of their distress.

We beg to remind our readers, and especially those of the Degree in question, that the Summer Half-yearly Communication of the Mark Grand Lodge of England and Wales will be held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Tuesday next, 31st instant. The meeting will be especially attractive, as the Earl of Lathom M.W. G.M.M.M. will instal his successor, Lord Henniker, and the latter will then appoint his Officers for the year.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Surrey, will meet on Tuesday next, the 31st instant, at the Masonic Hall, 105 High-street, Croydon, under the banner of the Frederick of Unity Chapter, No. 452. Most Excellent Companion General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Superintendent, will preside, and a strong muster of the Companions may be anticipated.

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THE NEW LODGE AT PORTSMOUTH.

VISIT OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

THE brethren of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight have reason to be extremely proud of the recent addition that has been made to the Lodges of their district, and are to be congratulated on the splendid success which attended the inauguration of their new Lodge—the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, No. 1903. We only hope that an existence begun under such auspices as attended the Consecration may be continued for many years to come, and that the same degree of success may ever attend the new Lodge as was manifest at its first meeting. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Esq., M.P., acted as Consecrating and Installing Officer, and he fulfilled the duties of those important offices in a most satisfactory manner. The meeting was held on Wednesday, 25th inst., in the Lecture Hall, Penny-street, Portsmouth, which had been most tastefully decorated, with flowers, banners, &c., and when filled by the brethren, as it was in every part during the ceremony, presented a most pleasing spectacle. A special train from London brought H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and several influential members of Grand Lodge. They were received at the railway station by Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, who was accompanied by his Staff and Lord Charles Beresford, Commander of the Royal Yacht Osborne, the W.M. designate of the new Lodge, and proceeded direct to the place of meeting. On the entrance of His Royal Highness into the Lodge, the march, "Hail to our Prince," composed by Bro. Winterbottom, Bandmaster of the Royal Artillery, was played by Bro. G. Jones, Prov. G. Organist, and he and the other Grand and Provincial Grand Officers took their seats amid the heartiest applause of the brethren assembled. Bro. Beach assumed the chair, and was supported on the dais by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, the Right Hon. Lord Tenterden Prov. G.M. Essex, Bro. Montague Guest, M.P., Prov. G.M. Dorset, Bro. Samuel Rawson P.D.G.M. China, Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, Rev. C. J. Martyn and Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G. Chaplains England, W. Hickman P.A.G.D. of C. Deputy Prov. G. Master, &c. The Lodge was then opened in the three degrees, and the brethren having saluted the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with, the Lodge being in due course formally constituted by the Provincial Grand Master. The installation of Lord Charles Beresford then took place, and he, having appointed his Officers, proceeded to close the Lodge, first tendering a vote of thanks to the Provincial Grand Master, and proposing that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, and the Provincial Grand Master should be elected honorary members of the new Lodge. Bro. Townsend, who was appointed P.M. of the Lodge, said he had been requested by his brother Founders, to tender to the newly installed Worshipful Master their sincere thanks for the great consideration he had shown in undertaking the first Mastership of the Lodge, and to present to him a Founder's jewel, which they hoped he would accept as a pleasing memento of this most auspicious occasion. Lord Beresford suitably responded, and proposed a vote of thanks to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught for having done them the honour of attending. He had done so at great personal inconvenience, and the Worshipful Master felt that the presence of His Royal Highness had added greatly to the success of what he deemed a most important meeting. The Duke of Connaught cordially expressed his thanks for the reception that had been accorded him. He had attended with the greatest pleasure the proceedings of the day, and looked upon the ceremony as the most imposing he had ever witnessed in connection with Freemasonry, alone excepting the Installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, at the Albert Hall. Hearty good wishes having been tendered by the visiting brethren, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion, about 250 of the brethren afterwards partaking of a banquet at the Headquarters of the Artillery Volunteers, under the presidency of Lord Charles Beresford. In addition to those already named, the Worshipful Master was supported by Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, and many other distinguished personages.

As we have already said, the greatest credit is due to all who have taken a part in the establishment of this new Lodge, which undoubtedly has started under more favourable auspices than any other of the many now in existence. The petition to the Grand Master bore the names of upwards of sixty brethren, so that the Lodge really started with a membership far in advance of that enjoyed by the majority of English Lodges; we only hope that this prosperity at starting may continue, and that for all time the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge may stand out as a grand illustration of the principles of Freemasonry. It is our intention to give a full report of the day's proceedings in our next issue.

We publish elsewhere in our columns a pretty full account of the proceedings of the annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Masonic Female Orphan School, Dublin, with reference to which we took occasion to offer a few remarks in our last week's issue. We have since been favoured with, and acknowledge with sincere thanks, receipt of copy of the full "Report presented by the Governors of the Masonic Female Orphan School to the Grand Lodge of Ireland" on 5th May current. We stated then that the amount of subscriptions promised to 4th May was £10,523, of which £7,353 had actually been paid. It seems, however, that a Dublin Lodge and Chapter, to wit the Shakespeare, No. 143, has promised a further £600, conditionally on its having accorded to it the right of nominating one pupil from time to time for thirty years, but as yet there has been no time to submit the proposal to the Governors. If, as is most probable, the Governors accept the offer, then the subscriptions will reach £11,123, or within rather less than £900 of the total sum required, namely, £12,000. Of the amount promised, Dublin Lodges, Chapters, and Preceptories figure for a fraction over £8,200, and the Provinces for £1,953, while, in the shape of miscellaneous subscriptions, that is, from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, Great Priory Ireland, Grand Council 33° England, &c., &c., there is a further sum of over £968, the total from these three sources being, as we have said, £11,123. In addition are contributions for special purposes, namely, 250 guineas, by Speedy Memorial Fund, for Infirmary; and £100, by Earl of Pembroke, for Railings; while Bro. John McCurdy, C.E., has promised to defray cost of additional piers for Entrance Gates. This bears out fully the statement that the Provinces, which receive the greater share of the benefits of the Institution, do not give as much help as might justly be expected of them. One excellent idea, which seems to have been acted upon with considerable advantage, should find favour with us about this time—that is, for some weeks before our Charity Festivals. It is thus noted in the report:—"During the past year a suggestion to devote the COLLECTIONS at Masonic meetings to the Funds of the ORPHAN SCHOOLS has been largely acted upon, and a very considerable sum, contributed in separate donations of small amount, has thus been realised." And it is added, "If, in this and other ways, every member of the Order could be induced to make some contribution, however small, in each year to the Schools, they might be maintained in their fullest efficiency—at a cost which, being freely shared *by all*, could be felt *by none*." We referred to this last week, but it will bear reiteration.

The concert at the Morley Hall, under the direction of Bro. George Weige, took place, according to announcement, on Monday evening last. There was a very good attendance, and the efforts of the musical artistes gave unqualified satisfaction. We congratulate Bro. Weige and those associated with him on the result.

We have great pleasure in announcing that, on the occasion of Her Majesty's birthday, the Queen has directed letters patent to be issued, conferring on His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, K.G., &c., the style and titles of Duke of Albany, Earl of Clarence, and Baron Arklow.

The consecration of the Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, will take place the beginning of July next, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—There is nothing in the whole "Materia Medica" like these Medicaments for the certainty of their action in lumbago, sciatica, tic doloreux and all flying or settled pains in the nerves and muscles. Diseases of this nature originate in bad blood and depraved humours, and until these are corrected there can be no permanent cure. The ordinary remedies afford but temporary relief, and in the end always disappoint the sufferer. Holloway's Ointment penetrates the human system as salt penetrates meat, and the Pills greatly assist and accelerate its operation by clearing away all obstructions, and giving tone to the system generally. The prophylactic virtues of Holloway's remedies stand unrivalled.

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MASONIC ORPHAN SCHOOLS, DUBLIN.

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

IF an illustration were wanted of the strength and influence of the Masonic Order in Dublin, that illustration was forthcoming in the Exhibition Palace on Thursday evening, 12th inst., on the occasion of the distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Masonic Schools. The magnificent building in Earlsfort-terrace has been consecrated "many a time and oft" to brilliant assemblages, but seldom, if ever, before has it contained within its walls a gathering so splendid, so picturesque, so representative of the beauty, the culture, and the wealth of the metropolis, as on this last occasion. In the absence of the Grand Master, His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, the chair was taken by R.W. Bro. R.W. Shackleton, Q.C., D.G.M. who was well supported by Grand Officers, Past Masters, and other Brethren. In opening the proceedings the Chairman said, he regretted the absence of the Grand Master, who was obliged to be away from Ireland. He read a letter from his Grace, expressing regret at not being able to be in his place at the ceremony, and also tendering his thanks to Her Excellency the Countess Cowper for her promise to be present, to give away the prizes. He also hoped to be more fortunate in future, and trusted he should be in his place another year at their great Masonic assembly. The Chairman also referred to the absence of the S.G. Chaplain, who he said had never once before deserted his post since the institution of these assemblies; illness however now prevented his attendance. The J.G. Warden, Lord Arthur Hill, had telegraphed that it would be impossible for him to leave London, special and important business detaining him. Before proceeding to the business of the evening, the Chairman said:—I am going to impart a few secrets, as I know the ladies who hear me will be very anxious to hear something of the secrets of our Order. The secret is that we have no secret at all. We have certain principles which are inculcated amongst us, and these principles are known to the world. These are the principles that guide us Masons, and those principles are in print, and any one can see them. But there are two of those principles that I think it well to be alluded to. In these days, when materialism is openly announced, when infidelity is avowedly entertained by men of high position, I think we Masons ought, without the slightest hesitation, to avow our utter abhorrence of these things. When we look around and gaze on the heavens, studded with myriad lights; when we look at the earth, carpeted with flowers of every hue, and giving forth the most beautiful perfumes; and when we regard man, the greatest work of all, with all his heavenward aspirations, and are told, as some of these wise men tell us, that these things are not the production of the great Creator of the Universe, but are, in their technical language, the mere fortuitous conglomeration of atoms—atomical attraction—are we to hear such things and remain silent? We Masons never enquire into a man's creed; we ask no man what his religious belief is; we do not ask to know how he worships his God—the only thing we ask is that he shall believe in a Supreme Being. Another of our universal principles is charity. The charity we inculcate, and the earliest lessons we inculcate to our brethren, are universal benevolence and goodwill to all men, and more especially to our Brother Masons. We are assembled here to-night in celebration of one act of charity, and I am sure, when we look around, we are glad to see so many of our friends coming, year after year, to celebrate this our annual gathering. As you are aware, our Female School was founded for a small number of inmates, and it was determined to build a new school-house. Last year the corner-stone of that building was laid by the Grand Master, and on that occasion also we were honored by the presence of her Excellency the Countess Cowper. To-night our gathering is again graced by her presence, and you will hear from some of the Brethren who will follow me the progress that has been made in the building since this time twelvemonths. We Governors had determined not to infringe on the funds of the School for the purpose of completing the edifice, and I am proud to say we have been able to go on without doing so. But if the School is complete, there is another thing to be done, and that is to furnish it. Now, I know that amongst the fairer portion of my audience there is in every heart a soft tender spot, which, if I only had the magician's art, I might be able to touch; but I can appeal to them and ask them to assist us. It is the intention of the Governors, early in the ensuing year, to hold a bazaar or fancy fair, and we hope from the proceeds of that to be able to furnish the School. Now, on this occasion we wish to enlist the sympathies and call upon the industrious fingers of our lady friends to assist us and help us in every way they can. I know they will not refuse their consent. I ask them not to do so, and I will take their silence now as consent. Before sitting down, I wish to mention that during the last year several of the older girls have left the School, so that on this occasion we have comparatively few but young children, and, as some of them are going to perform on the piano, I would on their behalf bespeak, if necessary, the kind sympathy and indulgence of the audience here.

Bro. Capel Macnamara, LL.D., Honorary Secretary, then read the annual report, of which the following is an extract:—The anticipations expressed in the last report as to the new School have been fully realised. The foundation stone of the building was laid with full Masonic ceremonial on the 24th of June (St. John's Day) 1880, by the M.W. the G.M., in the presence of their Excellencies the Lord Lieutenant and the Countess Cowper. The works have since been vigorously carried on, and at the date of this report the main building has been roofed, the out offices have been commenced, the boundary walls, railings, and gates are in process of erection, and it is confidently expected that the buildings will be completed and ready for occupation early in the year 1882. The contractors have hitherto given full satisfaction to the Building Committee. Great care has been taken to incur no extra expense which could be avoided, and there is no reason to apprehend that the cost of the buildings, complete in all their essential parts, will exceed the estimated sum of £12,000. Special contributions which were given to meet certain additional expenses, such as the cost of handsome railings and suitable gates, and the Speedy Memorial Fund, which was devoted by the donors towards the cost of the infirmary, are not included in this sum. The most conspicuous liberality has been manifested by the members of the Order in support of this great undertaking. The subscriptions promised up to 4th May 1881 amounted to £10,523 5s, of which £7,353 7s 8d was actually paid. If the Building Fund up to 1st of March 1881 be included, the amount contributed to the Masonic Female Orphan School during the period of this report far exceeds the receipts during any corresponding period in the history of the Institution—a result which, having regard to the circumstances of the time, affords the deepest gratification to the Governors. The Governors having, with the approval of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Ireland, resolved to raise the funds required for the completion of the new School without drawing upon the invested capital, it is still necessary to collect a sum of about £2,000. Though the amount already given is so large, the number of individual donors is comparatively very small, and although the Orphans of provincial brethren who are received into the School far outnumber those from Dublin, the subscriptions from the country, and especially from the North of Ireland, are not in due proportion to the sums received from the Dublin members of the Order. The Governors earnestly desire and confidently hope that, by increased exertions, especially on the part of the friends of the Institution in the provinces, the Building Fund may very speedily be completed. The general income for the year 1880 was £1,990 10s 10d, and the expenditure (including a balance of £37 9s 5d due from 1879) was £2,591 17s 5d. There was, therefore, a deficit at the close of the year of £638 16s, which, but for the amount received for the Building Fund, would have caused the greatest anxiety. The Governors observe with regret that the decline in the receipts has now been progressive for several years. When the School is removed, it is expected that the annual cost of maintaining the same number of children will not be greater than in the existing house, but it would be a melancholy disappointment if the Governors were precluded, by want of funds, from making the enlarged accommodation available for the admission of a greater number of pupils as rapidly as really eligible candidates came forward. It may be calculated that an increase of £40 per annum will be required for the maintenance of each additional girl. It is, therefore, essential to increase the amount of the permanent income, and the Governors believe that this can be best done by increasing the number of Annual Governors, and by inducing those who have already given larger sums not to discontinue the yearly subscriptions, on which the School must chiefly depend for its permanent stability. The number of subscribing brethren in Ireland is so large, that if all, or even a majority, could be induced to subscribe a small sum each, an ample endowment for both Schools would be obtained. The Governors feel that no more convenient mode could be adopted of multiplying small contributions than by extending the custom of making collections at the meetings and devoting them to the Schools. During the year ten pupils have left the School. The inadequacy of the existing School to meet the demands upon it was painfully demonstrated during the year. Only six pupils could be admitted, though eighteen candidates presented themselves in June, and seventeen in December. Seven were struck off the lists, having reached the limit of age without obtaining admission. The number of pupils in the School on 31st December 1880 was thirty-five. Bro. Dr. Webb, Q.C., proposed that the report should be widely circulated, and that the best thanks of the meeting be presented to the Officers of the Institution, and especially to its medical officers, for the disinterested and devoted attention which they have bestowed upon its interests, and for the unbounded interest and sympathy which they have manifested throughout for its prosperity and progress. He proceeded: I must say that there is not a lady present, or, for that matter, not an un-Masonic gentleman present, whose curiosity has not been aroused as to what may be the symbolic significance of the curious devices and the mysterious badges by which the brethren are adorned. I may venture to follow your example, sir. I will venture to take this great meeting into my confidence, and to reveal a secret—a secret which was revealed by you, and which was no secret whatsoever—a secret which is no secret I presume—which requires merely to be mentioned in order that you may be reminded of what is in reality a mere fact, and that is this, that the true jewels and badges of this illustrious Order are not those which are worn upon the shoulder and displayed upon the breast. If I may use the language, the familiar language of the mother of the Gracchi, "These are my jewels," pointing to her children. I say that these young girls, whom we are educating in the paths of virtue, are our jewels. That these young boys, whom we are educating in the paths of virtue, are the real badges of the Order. It is not, however, my duty to-night to glorify the Order. The resolution which I have the honour to propose is that the report be widely circulated, and the more widely it is circulated, the more it will redound to the honour of the Brotherhood. What does that report exhibit? It shows that in this disastrous year, in this year of universal distress, there have been in the Masonic body strong, determined and adventurous spirits, who have resolved to take this year above all others to characterise a new departure in Masonry, and to symbolise it by the erection of a building which all future generations, or at least to many generations to come, will be a standing memorial of the liberality and munificence of the contemporary Order. The years of grace 1880 and 1881 have been marked by the private munificence of the Brotherhood in the accumulation of so large a sum as £10,500. Though this has been the case, there remain those who have not yet performed their duty in this respect, and I am ashamed to confess I am one of the number. It is not right that the new Masonic building should be allowed to commence its career of usefulness in debt, and the report says there is a sum of £2,000 still requiring to be subscribed before it can be relieved from that incubus. Now, I honestly confess my error, and I will promise amendment—if there is any Mason present who has fallen into a similar oblivion of his duty

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I hope he will be animated by the feeling of compunction that now animates me, and will follow my poor example and remember his sin. There is another point to which you, sir, have referred, and to which I will merely allude in the most transitory and transient manner, that is—that when this building will be completed it will require to be furnished, and one of the most useful portions of furniture—without which, in fact, it would be entirely deficient—is a library for the School. It is to the ladies who sympathize with the Masonic Order that we look for assistance in carrying this out—in accomplishing that particular work. Therefore we look forward to the proposed Masonic Bazaar and Fancy Fair as one which will elicit and exhibit the sympathy which the ladies of Dublin have in the benevolent objects of this great body. One word—and I have already occupied your time too long—they say there is no gratitude like gratitude for future favours. Gratitude for future favours will be measured in this case by gratitude for the past. I am sure I would be omitting to express the feelings of the Order if I failed to allude to the obligations under which every member of it feels to the noble lady who has honoured us with her presence here this evening, as well as on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of our new building, when she was not deterred by circumstances which would have deterred many other ladies from performing the duty, and lent on the occasion the grace and charm of her presence. I sincerely trust that when this great Masonic Bazaar is opened and this Fancy Fair is in full swing that it will not be wanting in the only thing needful to make it a triumphant success, and that is the presence of Countess Cowper. Bro. the Rev. F. F. Carmichael, LL.D., in seconding the motion, said, the time had been, in this very hall, when speakers on this platform had deemed it necessary to defend the cause of Masonry from unjust accusations. That day had undoubtedly gone by, and gone, perhaps, for ever, because as a body we are able to appeal to great and decisive results. In this world judgment always goes in favour of great results. "By their fruits shall ye know them," is a maxim that has the very highest sanction, and the common sense of mankind has verified the truth of that Divine maxim. We are not ashamed to be known by our fruits. We now appeal to these great Schools, and the wonderful success that has been achieved in relation to them, and we can boldly put our cause before the public, and ask for its support. The Masonic body in Dublin has increased, in the course of years, in a most wonderful degree, from the time when it met in a small and almost unknown place to this time, when it has a grand hall of its own; and now a noble building rears itself against the range of beautiful mountains that lie to the south of this city, a most conspicuous object in the landscape. That is due to the generosity of the Masonic Brotherhood, and is in itself a real increase of the work that is done by our body. In the minds of some people Masonry is entirely connected with festive gatherings and good eating and drinking. Now, I do not see why reasonable people should object to the social aspect of Masonry at all. I must confess that I am on the side of the Socialists. I think we never get on so well, carrying out any great general purpose, as when we meet at the social board. It is wonderful how you change your opinions about any man when you dine with him. Well, believing that to be the case, I believe that the social aspect of Masonry is a thing that ought to be supported and sustained. The modern breakfast, introduced mainly by the religious societies, is a decided move in the wrong direction. There is a conspiracy between the modern breakfast and the afternoon tea to abolish the time-honoured dinner party, and society and humanity will be the losers most undoubtedly by the change. By all means let us support the social aspect of Masonry, as well as her charitable and benevolent aspects. An Institution that intends or tries to deal with a great human purpose should adapt itself as far as possible to the many-sided aspects of men. You cannot deal with man as a mere emotional creature, or as a mere intellectual creature, or take him out of the great body of his kind, or separate him from the genial influences that spread between man and man, when face looks upon face, when hand touches hand. That is the great secret of Masonry—the Brotherhood that lies at the root of it—the fact that we recognise the great human Brotherhood, and that, although we do deem ourselves in some respects as elect amongst the many, and as those at the head of the great mass in recognising the profound duties that lie at the root of Brotherhood, it is not with the design of standing apart from our kind, but in endeavouring in every way to spread abroad amongst mankind the great principles that we reverence and endeavour to carry out. Therefore, with great confidence and joy we draw attention to the results of this great Charity, as testified to the satisfaction of all. We rely upon these results as evidence of the nobility of the motives that influence us and the object that we are undoubtedly effecting; and the certainty that as time goes on and the great principles of the Brotherhood spread amongst mankind, the Masonic Body will be regarded as one of the greatest pioneers in the great advance. Bro. James Spaight Acting Provincial Grand Secretary had much pleasure in moving—"That, whilst acknowledging with gratitude the liberal support and assistance with which the Institution has hitherto been favoured, the Governors would earnestly invite the co-operation of the brethren, in order still further to extend its usefulness." Bro. Dr. Banks, Worshipful Grand Steward, in seconding the proposition, which was eventually carried, said—We wish to return our heartiest thanks to those who have come forward to assist us in the arduous work we undertook. There were very many who thought that this undertaking would be a failure, but I confess I was one of those who never thought of failure. I had reliance on the charity of the Masonic Order, a charity that never failed, and I believed that the work, once commenced, would go on to a favourable termination. In that belief and expectation I have not been deceived. Now it is our duty to return our most greatful thanks to the members of the Order who supported us. If my duty ended here it would be one of unmingled pleasure; but I have now to appeal to the members of the Order who have held back, and who have not as yet lent us a hand. I believe many have been prevented in this unpropitious year from helping us, and have been unable to give us as much as they would like to give. I would say to those who are not so richly endowed with this world's goods, "Give as much as your means will admit of;" and if a number of small subscriptions come in they will at once remove the debt. With respect to the munificence of the Lodges, I may mention that two have given more than a thousand pounds; but it is a subject of regret that the country has not been as generous as the city, and that one part of Ireland, which is the richest, has not come forward in a way that might fairly be expected. I am sure, however, that the appeal that has been made to-night will be followed by good results. The procession was then reformed, and all proceeded to a dais erected in the transept, where her Excellency distributed the prizes to the successful pupils, as follow:—

The Ffennell Prize, for the best answering in Scripture, Geography, Grammar, and English History, was awarded to Catherine A. Johnston.

The Astley Prizes. First division for English, comprising Spelling, Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic, First Prize, Catherine A. Johnston; Second, Eleanor E. Burton. Second division, for French, Lilian Hay and Mabel Barnwell.

The Nagle Prizes, for General Proficiency and Good Conduct throughout the year, Catherine A. Johnston and Annie Browne.

The Good Conduct Medals (Silver and Bronze), presented by Bro. Samuel B. Oldham Deputy Grand Secretary, were won by Susanna Rapson and Mary Close. These medals are awarded by the votes of the pupils themselves, for general good conduct, amiability, and kindliness to their fellow pupils.

The Ladies' Committee Prize for General Household Work—Margaret Buckley and Mercy Robinson.

The Matron's Prize for General Tidiness—Anna Butler and Annie Browne.

Prizes for Calisthenics, awarded by Bro. Sergeant-Major Gartland—Laura Bradburne and Lillie Alexander.

The General School Prizes were distributed to the following pupils:—

Fourth Class.—Maude Hay, Birdie Tyner, Madeline Fraser, Louisa Mackey, Mary Carey, Rose Oswald, Alice Leonard, Edith Hitchcock, Millie Vaughan, Amy Anderson.

Third Class.—Jane Grice, Isabella Alexander, Susanna Rapson, Annie Brown.

Second Class.—Rose A. M'Cook, Fanny Dawson, Mabel Barnwell, Sarah Browne, Kathleen Tandy.

First Class.—Susan Green, Emily Burton, Laura Bradburne, Edith M'Allister, Margaret Buckley, Lilian Hay, Catherine A. Johnston, Mary Close, Anna Butler.

Boys.—George S. Hitchcock, Henry Keily, John A. Johnston, Wm. S. Little, William S. Steele, Henry M. Stephenson, Herbert K. Irvine, Thomas H. Barnwell, Henry Rountree.

The Ashley Prize, value £5, Wills Ballantine.

Special Prizes for Writing, given by Bro. Thomas Fitzgerald—Henry Rountree, Henry Stephenson, Henry Smith.

Special Prizes for English Composition, given by Bro. Robert O'Brien Furlong—George S. Hitchcock, Charles Topham, John A. M'Comb.

The Oldham Good Conduct Medals were awarded by the boys themselves to Alfred H. Berney (silver), and Henry Rountree (bronze).

This concluded the proceedings, and the Countess Cowper was escorted to her carriage by the Deputy Grand Master and the other Grand Officers.

It should be mentioned that during the evening several of the girls played musical selections on the pianoforte with very great precision and skill.—*Dublin Daily Express.*

JAMAICA.

United Service Lodge, No. 1873.—A meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, 57 Hanover-street, Kingston, on 5th April 1881. There were present Bro. A. H. Jones as W.M. in the absence of Bro. Commander Warry, R.N., gone to England; Bros. Capt. Marvin S.W., Dr. M. P. Cormac McCormack J.W., F. S. Sanguinetti S.D., I. A. Harvey J.D., J. B. Lucie-Smith Secretary, Rev. Acheson Findlay Chaplain, E. S. Sanguinetti I.G., G. Magnus Tyler, &c. Visitors—Bros. W. Duff W.M. St. John's Lodge, No. 623 S.C., and Inspector St. John Hepburn, No. 383. Bro. Capt. R. F. Devereux, 2nd W.I. regiment, was elected a joining member, and a Lodge of Instruction was held in the 3rd degree, Bros. A. H. Jones acting as Preceptor and Capt. Portlock Dadson P.M. as candidate.

Kingston Chapter Rose Croix.—A meeting was held on the 11th of April, at the Masonic Hall, 57 Hanover-street, Kingston, Ill. Bro. W. Andrews 30 degree as M.W. Sov. There were also present Ill. Bro. Capt. Portlock Dadson 32 degree, E. Bros. C. H. Davis, W. Duff, Dr. M. P. Cormac McCormack, E. Jordon Andrews, J. C. Ford, &c. Bros. Charles Lauchlin Campbell and Inspector St. John G. B. Hepburn, of the Jamaica constabulary, were duly perfected in the 18th degree.

York Mark Lodge (T.I.).—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, when there were present Bros. the Rev. W. C. Lukis W.M., R. W. Hollin P.M. as S.W., C. G. Padel J.W., T. B. Whytehead P.M. Secretary, G. Garbutt M.O., M. Millington S.O., A. T. B. Turner J.O., T. G. Hodgson S.D., E. J. De Salis as J.D., W. B. Dyson I.G., &c. Several letters of apology were read, and there being no business, the ceremony of advancement was rehearsed. At the conclusion, and after the close of the Lodge, the York Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was opened, and Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis was installed in the chair of N. by Bro. T. B. Whytehead. Bro. E. J. De Salis was also elevated to the degree.

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London, W.C., 15th May 1881.

To heavenly themes, sublimer strains belong.—*Milton.*

DEAR SIR,—Pardon my offering a suggestion to men who are probably better informed than myself; but in the article about the "Masonic Names for God" (page 325) you seem to have omitted to notice that the J is really Hi and Y, which alters the pronunciation; for instance, it should be Hi-eruslum instead of Ge-rualum. My idea is taken from my old pastor and master, the Rev. Dr. Cumming, whose teaching I accepted and appreciated, even as a child, for very many years. He used to say "Hierhova" or "Yehova;" it sounds far softer.

I am, Sir, yours obediently,

J. MORTIMER BURROWS.

[We must respectfully point out to Bro. Burrows that the article "Masonic Names for God," which appeared in our issue of the 14th inst., was quoted from the *Masonic Review*. We are, therefore, not responsible for any apparent errors of omission. We can also endorse our correspondent's statement as to the proper pronunciation of Jehovah being *Yehovah*, while the Greek word for our Jerusalem, written in the English character, is "Hierousaleem."—ED. F.C.]

TRAFFICKING IN VOTES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—There is a saying, "Once bitten, twice shy." It is also written, "Put not your faith in princes." The former expression I apply to myself, the second I suggest to those misguided individuals, who venture to trust the "*London Masonic Charity Association*" for the due performance of their engagements, and I will try to explain the reason why I have arrived at this conclusion. Why! Sir, I was nearly "landed" with the whole of my men's votes at the close of yesterday's election. Others with myself were interested in procuring the due election of a widow, and I was distinctly promised an exchange of widows' votes for all my men's votes. I was ready to fulfil my part of the engagement or contract, but as a matter of fact I could not procure a single widow's vote in exchange from the Association, for they evidently had none, and what I complain of most is, that the Secretary did not even hint his inability to complete his portion of the contract. If, in the natural course of business, men neglect to fulfil their engagements regularly entered into, the result, as a rule, is sometimes awkward to those who do. Not only did I fail to receive the votes so promised, but the Association could not take up their IOU for votes I had exchanged with them at the last election for Boys and Girls. They appeared to be doing a roaring trade yesterday, in exchanging for future delivery, but their system of doing business must be extremely complicated if, when the time arrives for them to redeem their IOU's, they have nothing to pay them with. All I know is this, if others, on the next occasion, are to be served as I have been, it is just as well they should be warned of this apparently happy-go-lucky style of doing business beforehand. The widow appearing in their printed list or circular that was successful, got in more by luck than judgment, if the Association was instrumental in her case. For the cause I was interested in, they did not, for they could not, provide a single vote. It appears to me that they "ran" for the men alone, leaving the widows out in the cold altogether. I ask you, Sir, to insert this letter, in order that future investors in the Association may know what their investments are worth; it seems to me the Committee enter into wild engagements with those foolish enough to trust them, without the slightest chance of fulfilling them.

Yours fraternally,

PAST MASTER.

London, 21st May 1880.

AN ACROSTIC.

TO MY FRIEND ALFRED A. MARKS, M.B.

A Mason gives a brother hand and heart;
L inks of such chains of friendship never start;
F raternity, benevolence, and love combine,
R eligion to enthrone, within his shrine;
E xtending aid to comrades in distress,
D efence of widow and the fatherless.

A s the Great Architect hath laid the plan,

M an, mans himself, by God-like deeds to man:
A ll Masons prize the bond of brotherhood,
R enouncing sordid greed, for common good;
K indred in manhood, soul, in spirit one,
S haring life's troubles till its work be done.

HENRY J. MOXON.

London, 24th May 1881.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH WALES AND SHROPSHIRE.

CONSECRATION OF AUDLEY LODGE, No. 1896

ON Friday 20th inst., favoured by the fineness of the weather, the Provincial Grand Lodge assembled in great force to do honour to the Consecration of the Audley Lodge, as well as to dispose of its own business. Sir Watkin W. Wynn was, we understand, the guest of J. C. Burton Borough, Esq., at Chotwynd Park, on Thursday night.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened at the Town Hall at one o'clock. Among those present were Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., P.G.M., Bulkeley Hughes D.P.G.M., the P.G.M. of Staffordshire G. S. Tudor, the Marquis of Londonderry P.G.M. of Durham, and upwards of 100 brethren. After the other business, the Consecration of Audley Lodge took place; and when the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, the Installation of the Master of the Audley Lodge (J. Bodenham) was efficiently performed by E. H. Spaull, of London. The Master then invested his Officers as follow:—Lieut.-Col. Masefield S.W., Dr. Gordon J.W., Rev. Robert Jackson S.D., Thos. James J.D., Rev. B. Rising Chaplain, W. Harrison I.G., James Cartwright Tyler. Eight candidates were duly proposed for membership.

We should say that the Audley Lodge's place of meeting is the Town Hall. From the Town Hall the Provincial Grand Lodge—including of course the Lodge just consecrated—formed, and marched in procession to church, a large number of spectators lining the route. The gathering was quite as effective as we had been led to expect, and quite as large. The scarves and aprons (with jewels added in many cases), the swords and staves of office, and the Grand Master's banner were all picturesque, while the four boys (Mason's sons)—Archie Bennion, James Thompson, Clarence, and James Smart—bearing the open Bible, were objects of great interest to the crowd through which they passed. The procession moved down street to the Grammar School, and entering the churchyard by the north gate, passed into the church. Mr. Smart presided at the organ, and played a voluntary while the congregation were seating.

The service was choral—the prayers being intoned by the Rev. R. Jackson in a very clear voice, and a strong choir giving the psalms and hymns with full effect. The anthem "O thou that tellest" is a more florid composition than is often sung in public worship, and the congregation seemed hardly to know what to make of it. The first lesson was read by the Rev. B. Rising, who (as well as Bro. Jackson, and afterwards Dr. Gordon) appeared in Masonic attire. The Rector of Newport read the second lesson. Dr. Gordon's sermon was lofty in conception, and very eloquent in expression. The text was from St. Matthew's Gospel, xx. 26-28: "But it shall not be so among you; but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." The first part of it was a highly eulogistic commendation of Masonry as founded on the principle that service to mankind is the truest and noblest title to honour. The last part was a magnificent statement of the glory of Him "Who took upon Him the form of a servant," and reached the throne, far above all principalities and powers, by the service of toil and suffering. The Doctor commenced by saying the aim of Masonic association was to carry out the principle of the text in practical religion, brotherhood and philanthrophy. He insisted strongly on the fact that it is service which deserves honour; and that it is eminent service which the world recognizes as greatness. This, he said, was the claim of the Masonic Brotherhood to honour, and he asserted that for nobility of conception and unbounded charity none could exceed it. In illustration of the truth that self-denying service is the secret of all nobleness, he referred to the honours conferred on the patriot statesman, the scientific discoverer, and the soldier hero. Their glory was the outcome of service—self denying even to the hazard of their lives. This was the secret of the honour their Brotherhood had won. They bound themselves by the strongest religious bond to do good—especially to their Brethren. This explained the mighty impetus the Masonic society had received of late years. It flourished, not because a Prince of the blood royal was at its head, and nobles were numbered among its members, but because this spirit animated the thousands of good men and true who composed it; because its Brotherhood was the largest factor of practical beneficence in the world—Christianity alone excepted; because they were helpful to each other and the servants of the commonwealth. Turning then, with a great change of manner, to the example of Divine service in the text, the preacher briefly referred with wonderful vividness to the glory of Christ the Lord, and with great pathos to the sufferings and sacrifices by which it was won; and concluded by appealing on behalf of the Masonic Charities of the Province, for His sake "Who gave Himself for men." The collection amounted to £14 10s 2½d.

At the close of the service the procession re-formed and marched back to the Town Hall, where Mr. Ensor, of the Royal Victoria Hotel, had prepared a banquet. This was, as we are informed by one who should know, of a first class character in every respect; and such as the caterer may be well congratulated on. The P.G.M., Sir W. W. Wynn, presided, and seemed to be, we are happy to say, in renewed health and good spirits. The toasts were as follow:—

The Queen and the Craft; H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M.; the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past. These were all given from the chair, and well received, with full Masonic honours. Sir Watkin's health was proposed by W.M. Bodenham, who spoke in complimentary terms of the P.G.M., and his connection with the progress of Masonry in North Wales and Shropshire. He hoped he might be spared to them for many years, and again hold his P.G. Lodge in Newport.

Sir W. W. Wynn, in replying, thanked all the members of the Audley Lodge for their kindness to him. He was sorry to have

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inconvenienced them by postponing the meeting on account of the funeral of Earl Beaconsfield. Though Masonry included all shades of religious and political opinion, he was sure the great majority would approve the course he took.

The Visiting P.G. Masters was proposed by Sir Watkin Wynn, and responded to by the P.G.M. of Staffordshire. The D.P.G. Master, and the Officers of the P.G. Lodge present and past, was proposed by Bro. Tudor P.G.M. Staffordshire, and responded to by P.G.J.W. Davies. The W.M. and Success to the "Audley Lodge" was proposed by the Chairman, and responded to by the W.M., in a most happy speech. The Visiting Brethren was proposed by W.M. Bodenham, and responded to by Bro. Matthews, of Wolverhampton. The Consecrating Officer was proposed by Bro. Gordon Warren, and responded to by Bro. Spaull P.G.S., Oswestry. The Installing Master was proposed by Bro. Davies P.G.J.W., and Bro. E. H. Spaull responded. W.M. Bodenham proposed the Officers of the Audley Lodge, and Dr. Gordon responded. The Masonic Charities were also proposed by W.M. Bodenham, and the P.G.S. responded for them.

The evening closed with the Tyler's toast We should add that a very excellent glee party from Birmingham enlivened the proceedings with much pleasant harmony.—*Newport and Market Drayton Advertiser.*

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.

AS the gatherings of this eminent Chapter of Improvement for the season are drawing to a close, the concluding meetings are more numerously attended—and by some of the most skilful Royal Arch Masons to be found in the Metropolitan district. This was particularly the case on Tuesday evening last, when the assembly at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, was more numerous than usual; attributable, doubtless, to the double attraction which had been previously announced, commencing, in the first instance, with a rehearsal of the ceremony of installation of the three Principals, by Comp. Turquand, to be followed, as usual, by the ceremony of Exaltation. As the formal induction of the three Principals is seldom witnessed in a Chapter of Instruction, this event was looked forward to with more than ordinary interest. The Chapter having been formally opened, Comp. Turquand assumed his position as M.E.Z., and in a most able and painstaking manner installed Comp. Field, the newly-installed M.E.Z. of the Panmure Chapter, into the first chair; and the beautiful ritual of this degree was rendered in a manner that elicited the warmest commendations, for seldom is it seen performed so well. The next part of the business was the installation of Comp. Storr into the chair of H., which was followed by the placing of Comp. Catterson into the chair of J.; each of these latter ceremonies being equally well performed. The Convocation of Installed Principals being closed, the Companions below the chair were admitted, and the ordinary business of Exaltation was proceeded with. The Officers present were Comps. R. Payne Z., J. Payne H., Chicken J., Maidwell S.N., M'Dowell P.S., F. Brown S.E. and Preceptor; also Comps. Kirke, Turquand, Massa, Storr, Field, H. Thompson, W. Fraser, Taylor, C. Pulman, Lardner, Tusser, Goodenough, King, Veal, Catterson, Edmonds, J. S. Fraser, &c. The ceremony of Exaltation was then rehearsed, Comp. Storr candidate. The whole of the Principals were well up to their duties. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, to Comp. Turquand for the very able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of Exaltation of the Principals—which is one seldom to be witnessed outside a regular Chapter. This that worthy Companion acknowledged. The following Officers were then elected for the ensuing fortnight, when the season will be brought to a close:—Comps. Massa Z., J. Payne H., Maidwell J., R. Payne S.N., Goodenough P.S. Chapter was then closed, and the convocation adjourned until the 24th instant.

Northumberland and Berwick Lodge of Mark Master Masons T.I.—The last regular meeting of this Lodge, before adjourning for the summer months, took place on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. There were present Bros. T. J. Armstrong W.M, John Ridsdale P.M., R. L. Armstrong S.W., R. G. Salmon J.W., J. Wood M.O., J. S. B. Bell S., S. M. Harris J.O., R. Lock Treasurer, I. G. Place Secretary, C. B. Ford S.D., W. M. Lion as J.D., Masters I.G., and G. S. Sims Tyler. The Lodge was opened and minutes of last meeting confirmed The ballot was taken for two brethren for advancement, which proved successful in each case, but the candidates not being in attendance, there was no work. The Lodge being closed the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room and sat down to a capital supper, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts with several complimentary ones, were given and duly honoured.

On Tuesday, 31st May, will be rehearsed, by Bro. W. S. Daniel, W.M. of the Alexandra Palace Lodge, No. 1541, the ceremony of installation, at the Kennington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1381, at the Horns Tavern, Kennington. On this occasion the Lodge will be under the Preceptorship of Bro. J. R. Stacey.

With the March number was completed the first volume of *Moore's Masonic Messenger*, a very useful organ of the Craft, published in Detroit, Michigan. Bro. Moore has had a long experience in connection with Masonic journalism, and we trust we shall long continue to number him among the learned of our fraternity.

BRITANNIC LODGE, No. 33.

AT the annual installation meeting of this Lodge, which was held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, 13th instant, Bro. Major J. S. Peirce G.D. P.G.S., and the oldest P.M. of this Lodge, and an active member for the last 23 years, was presented by I.P.M. Bro. Walter Webb, on behalf of the brethren, with a testimonial, consisting of a handsome silver centre piece plateau and flower vases, bearing the following inscription:—

"Presented to Bro. John Sampson Peirce G.D. P.G.S. P.M. 2 P.M. 33, as a token of fraternal esteem and high appreciation of his zealous and valuable services to the Lodge, not only as a Past Master, but also as its Director of Ceremonies.—13th May 1881."

together with a complete set of Grand Lodge clothing. The presentation was made after the Lodge meeting, at an elegant banquet, when about 100 brethren sat down.

Union Lodge. No. 38.—In consequence of the Earl of March, M.P., who is S.W. of this Lodge, having recently been appointed Senior Warden of England, the brethren, at their ordinary monthly meeting, passed, on the proposition of Bro. G. Smith P.M. P.P.G.D., seconded by Bro. Molesworth P.M. P.P.G.D., the following resolution:—That the brethren of the Lodge of Union, No. 38, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in open Lodge assembled, desire to offer their sincere and hearty congratulations to R.W. Bro. the Earl of March, M.P., on his recent appointment by the W.M. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to the high and distinguished position of Senior Grand Warden of England." The resolution, which has been forwarded to the noble Lord, was signed by the W.M. Bro. R. G. Raper P.P.J.G.W., and by Bro. C. H. R. Ballard Secretary.

West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Thursday, the 19th instant. Bro. William Pennefather W.M. opened the Lodge, and was supported during the evening by Bros. W. Malthouse S.W., McButt J.W., H. J. Lardner S.D., G. H. Stephens J.D., J. J. Howes I.G., W. Snow D.C., R. B. Greenwood A.D.C., W. Butt W.S., Past Masters E. Mallott Secretary, G. S. Elliott, T. W. Adams, T. Butt 907, Silver J. King, Brickdale, Thornton, Brasher, Milton, Gaskin, Wilkinson, Smith, Wareham, Chambers, Mackay, &c. The Visitors were Bros. Van Raalte W.M. 917, Stafford 1366, Lazarus 1017, &c. The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, Lodge was opened, and Bros. Brasher and Thornton, having satisfactorily answered the usual questions, were raised to the third degree, the ceremony in each case being performed, in an admirable manner, by Bro. Pennefather. The ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Henry Wareham, and proving favourable, he, together with Mr. Chambers, who had previously been balloted for, were initiated into the Order. After several matters had been discussed, Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet, served under the able superintendence of Bro. Dawkins. On the removal of the cloth, the usual toast list was gone through, each meeting with a hearty reception. After spending a most harmonious evening, the brethren separated at an early hour.

Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901.—An emergency meeting was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich-green. Present — Bros. W. H. Hook W.M., W. W. Linscott S.W., Dr. L. C. N. Nicod J.W., A. J. Belliss Secretary, W. R. Burnett S.D., A. R. W. Powles J.D., W. B. Marcus I.G., C. Mussared W.S., W. J. Bullimore W.S., A. F. Grainger Organist, W. H. Sedge, T. Johnson, C. Busyman, W. Bosher, J. S. Gurney, J. H. G. Winter, R. Anderson, W. Davies, A. Campbell, G. T. Acock, C. W. Acock, J. Woodstock Tyler. The Lodge being opened in due form, and the summons convening the meeting having been read, the following gentlemen were balloted for and unanimously elected, viz.:—Messrs. W. R. Preedy, E. J. Collins, J. C. Cracknell, J. E. Powell, and H. R. Powell. Messrs. E. J. Collins and H. R. Powell being present, were duly initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M., Bro. W. H. Hook, the ceremony being most impressively performed. There being no further business the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. The usual toasts followed, and after some capital songs, rendered by Bros. Marcus, Mussared, Bosher, and others, the brethren separated.

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TESTIMONIALS.—Head Quarter Staff, Cabul, May 31st, 1880. Mr. R. Freeman, Dear Sir,—It is with much pleasure I am able to state that your Chlorodyne has been of special service to me in alleviating the wearisome spasms of Asthma, which is here existent in an aggravated form. Many of my patients now come and beg me to give them that medicine which always relieves them, and which I need hardly say is your Chlorodyne. Yours faithfully, CHARLES W. OWEN, L.R.C.P. Lon., M.R.C.S. Eng., the Divisional Head Quarter Staff and Civil Surgeon, Cabul.

The *Times*, August 13th, 1877. From our own Correspondent with the Russian Army. Okoum, July 25th, 1877. The want of sanitary arrangements in the Russian Camp was dreadful, and had we remained there a few weeks longer, dysentery and typhoid fever would have played more havoc in our ranks than the bombs of the Turks. I myself acquired an unenviable reputation as a doctor, owing to my being provided with a small bottle of **CHLORODYNE**, with which I effected miraculous cures.

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HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION,
THE
MASONIC ROOMS, THE CRITERION, PICCADILLY, LONDON,
TUESDAY, 31st MAY 1881.

THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF LATHOM,
M.W. G.M.M.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD HENNIKER,
R.W. D.G.M.M.; M.W. G.M.M.M. ELECT.

INSTALLATION OF MOST W. GRAND MASTER.

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ON this the TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, &c. it has been determined to extend the customary arrangements for the Banquet to follow the Installation of the Grand Master, and to fix the price of Dinner Tickets at 12s 6d, the Wine being provided at the expense of Grand Lodge. A Collation will, in addition, be provided for Ladies, Tickets for which may be obtained, at 7s 6d each.

A Musical Selection will be given during Dinner, and a Concert will take place in the Evening, at which the services of eminent Professionals will be secured, under the Direction of the Grand Organist.

To enable the Grand Stewards to carry out the various arrangements efficiently and satisfactorily, a return of the necessary Forms as to attendance to *the Grand Secretary, not later* than WEDNESDAY, the 25th MAY, is absolutely necessary.

N.B.—Grand Lodge will be opened at 3.30 p.m. Dinner will be on the Table at 6 p.m. precisely. Ladies to assemble at 7 p.m.

FREDERICK BINCKES, (P.G.J.W.)
Grand Secretary.

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SUMMER BANQUETS.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 1st June 1881:—

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 2nd March for confirmation.

2. The Minutes of the Grand Festival of the 27th April for confirmation.

3. Election of Members of the Board of General Purposes.

4. Election of Members of the Colonial Board.

5. Election of Members for the Committee of Management of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons."

6. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz.:—

The Widow of a Brother of the Berkhampstead Lodge, No. 504, Berkhampstead	£50	0	0
A Brother of the Virtue and Silence Lodge, No. 332, Hadleigh	100	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 199, Dover	50	0	0
A Brother of the Hornsey Lodge, No. 890, London ...	150	0	0
A Brother of the Jordan Lodge, No. 201, London ...	100	0	0
A Brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 298, Rochdale	250	0	0
A Brother of the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, London...	150	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Social Friendship Lodge, No. 497, H.M. 89th Regiment	50	0	0
A Brother of the Enoch Lodge, No. 11, London	75	0	0
A Brother of the Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298, London	50	0	0
A Brother of the Abbey Lodge, No. 945, Abingdon ...	200	0	0
The Widow of a Brother of the Lily Lodge of Richmond, No. 820, Richmond	50	0	0

7. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to report as follows:—

1st.—Twenty years having elapsed since a permanent addition was made to the number of Grand Officers, during which period a very large increase has taken place, both in number of the Lodges and members of the Order under the Grand Lodge of England, the Board are of opinion that the time has arrived when some addition may be

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properly and advantageously made to the list of Grand Officers annually appointed by the M.W. the Grand Master.

2. The Board therefore recommend that an addition be made accordingly, that such addition take the form of the appointment annually of two Standard Bearers and a Deputy Director of Ceremonies, and that the same take effect on and after the Grand Festival of 1882.

3rd.—The Board also recommend that in Provinces numbering forty Lodges and upwards the Provincial Grand Masters shall be empowered to appoint annually four Deacons, instead of two as at present, and also a Deputy Director of Ceremonies.

4th.—The Board have to report further that their Premises Committee have laid before them a statement that an opportunity occurs of acquiring a freehold stable and premises in New Yard, adjoining the property of Grand Lodge; that £1000 has been asked for these premises, which the Committee consider far in excess of its value, but, after careful consideration, are of opinion that for the sum of £600 the premises in question would be a useful acquisition to Grand Lodge, and the Board agreeing with the Premises Committee in their opinion recommend Grand Lodge to authorise the purchase of the said freehold premises (containing some 450 feet superficial) at a price not exceeding £600.

5th.—The President will move accordingly.

The Board of General Purposes, to whom it was on the 2nd day of March last referred to investigate the appeal involved in the following Motion proposed to Grand Lodge by Bro. Tudor Trevor and to report thereon to the next meeting of Grand Lodge:—

> That in consideration of the very exceptional circumstances of his application for pecuniary assistance, and that he has been much embarrassed by the un-Masonic litigation which ensued in defiance of the Principles of the Craft, and especially of No. 6 of Antient Charges and Regulations, consequent on the part he took in the exclusion from his Lodge, No. 1511, of an offending brother (which exclusion was approved by the Provincial Grand Master), this Grand Lodge is pleased as a *Special Case* to direct the grant of £150 from the Fund of General Purposes, to Bro. Tudor Trevor P.M., &c. in aid of his costs in defending the action "Bro. Voigt *versus* Bros. Carr, Laking and Trevor," tried at Leeds in August last, and in respect of which costs Bro. Trevor affirms that he has already paid £169 4s 11d, and that he has been greatly impoverished thereby,

beg to report thereon as follows:—

1. At the request, and for the better convenience of Bro. Tudor Trevor, who represented his inability to appear in London on the ordinary days of meeting, the Board held a Special Meeting on a day selected by him, for the purpose of considering the reference on the 6th day of May instant, at which were present the following members:—

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, President	Bro. THOMAS FENN
F. GREEN, Vice-President	PETER DE LANDE LONG
Sir A. W. WOODS, *Garter*	JOHN MESSENT
HENRY C. LEVANDER	CHARLES W. THOMPSON
ROBERT F. GOULD	CHARLES ATKINS
FRANK RICHARDSON	Lt.-Col. FRANCIS C. WEMYSS
Lt.-Col. HUGH S. SOMERVILLE BURNEY	ALFRED MEADOWS, M.D.
FREDR. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C.	EDWARD B. GRABHAM
JOHN A. RUCKER	HENRY BISHOP
	JOHN G. STEVENS.

2. Bro. Tudor Trevor, Bro. Voigt, and also the W. Master of the Alexandra Lodge, No. 1511, Hornsea, all received an intimation of the meeting, and all availed themselves of the opportunity of being present.

3. Brother Tudor and Brother Voigt were heard at length, and the W. Master of the Alexandra Lodge was also heard in reply to several questions it was thought necessary to put to him.

4. After a careful investigation of the matter referred, the following Resolutions were unanimously agreed to:—

> I.—That the principle of Grand Lodge devoting any portion of its Funds towards defraying the cost of legal proceedings, not incurred by its authority or by that of the Board of General Purposes (as its executive Board), would be an innovation constituting a very inconvenient precedent, and leading to most undesirable results.
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> II.—That there does not appear to be any sufficient ground or reason why the case now under investigation should be specially excepted from the operation of the principle laid down in the preceding Resolution.

5.—And the above Resolutions are recommended by the Board for the adoption of Grand Lodge accordingly.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
17*th May* 1881.

At the meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, 17th of May, after the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed, viz.:—

> The members of the Board unanimously desire to express their sense of the ability and courtesy uniformly displayed on all occasions by the V.W. Brother Sir John B. Monckton, as President of the Board of General Purposes.

(Signed) FRANK GREEN,
Vice-President.

To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday the 13th May instant, shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of 5.766 12s 5d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £96 15s.

APPEAL.

Appeal by Brother Charles Edward Torrance, P.M. of the St. George's Lodge, No. 440, Montreal, against a sentence of exclusion passed on him by the Lodge for non-payment of dues, and which Appeal the District Grand Master of Montreal had declined to entertain.

N.B.—The papers relating to this Appeal will be in the Grand Secretary's Office till the meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the Brethren during Office hours.

PROPOSED MOTIONS.

1. Further consideration of Motion by Brother Tudor Trevor, P.M. No. 944, Bombay, now of No. 41, Bath, and late of No. 1511, Hornsea; referred at last Grand Lodge, on 2nd March, for investigation and report by the Board of General Purposes:—

> "That in consideration of the very exceptional circumstances of his application for pecuniary assistance, and that he has been much embarrassed by the un-Masonic litigation which ensued in defiance of the Principles of the Craft, and especially of No. 6 of Antient Charges and Regulations, consequent on the part he took in the exclusion from his Lodge, No. 1511, of an offending Brother (which exclusion was approved by the Provincial Grand Master), this Grand Lodge is pleased as a *Special Case* to direct the grant of £150 from the Fund of General Purposes, to Bro. Tudor Trevor, P.M., &c., in aid of his costs in defending the action 'Brother Voigt versus Brothers Carr, Laking, and Trevor,' tried at Leeds in August last, and in respect of which costs Brother Trevor affirms that he has already paid £169 4s 11d, and that he has been greatly impoverished thereby."

2. By V. W. Brother Lieut-Col. JOHN CREATON, Grand Treasurer—
> "That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons," to supply the Residents of the Institution at Croydon with Coals during the winter months.

3. By Brother Major EDWIN BOND, J.W. No. 887, Birmingham—
> "That the Fund of Benevolence be decentralized so far as the Provinces are concerned, and that a moiety of the subscriptions now transmitted to Grand Lodge by the Country Lodges be paid direct into the several Provincial Grand Lodges for the purpose of meeting the numerous local claims for immediate relief which are now so constantly made to those Bodies."

List of Brethren nominated for the Board of General Purposes:—

MASTERS.

ANDREW, GEORGE CALKIN	No. 92
BEAUMONT, WM. COPPARD	„ 1826
BOSWELL, WM. HENRY	„ 1686
BRODIE, G. BERNARD, M.D.	„ 26
CASSELL, J. R.	„ 46
HARDING, CHARLES	„ 778
LOVELAND, R. L.	„ 1869
SAWYER, F. J.	„ 1339
STEWARD, H. THOS.	„ 143
WALDRON, J. W.	„ 1383

PAST MASTERS.

ADLARD, F	No. 7
ATKINS, C.	„ 27
ALTMAN, A. J.	„ 1657
BISHOP, H.	„ 66
COOPER-SMITH, HY.	„ 1731
DUBOIS, H. A.	„ 1777
FRANCIS, H. E.	„ 857
GOODING, R., M.D.	„ 1
GRABHAM, E. B.	„ 19
GREEN, F.	„ 1567
MEAD, F.	„ 227
MESSENT, J.	„ 231
PIGGOTT, R. T., D.C.L.	„ 11
PITT-LEWIS, G.	„ 165
ROEBUCK, WM.	„ 463
SMALLPEICE, WM.	„ 1395
STEPHENS, W.	„ 1489
STEVENS, J. G.	„ 554
TATTERSHALL, A. H.	„ 140
THOMPSON, C. W.	„ 969

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List of brethren nominated for the Colonial Board :—

Brett, James	P.M. No.	177
Goodine, R., M.D.	„	1
Letchworth, E.	„	1579
Matthews, J. H.	„	143
Meadows, M.D.	„	4
Poynter, S.	„	902
Smith, G.	„	21

List of brethren nominated for the Committee of Management for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons :—

Atkins, Charles	P.M.	27
Brett, James	„	177
Bush, Thomas W. C.	„	1728
Clarke, William	„	114
Cottebrune, Chas. A.	„	1257
Moutrie, William F. C.	„	11
Penn, George	„	1642
Tattershall, Alf. H.	„	140
Warren, Henry George	„	G.S.L.
Willing, James jun.	„	1507

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge :—

No. 1898.—The Central Australia Lodge, Bourke, New South Wales.
1899.—The Wellesley Lodge, Sandhurst, Berks.
1900.—The Montague Guest Lodge, Lincolns Inn Fields.
1901.—The Selwyn Lodge, East Dulwich.
1902.—The St. Cuthbert Lodge, Bedlington, Northumberland.
1903.—The Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar Lodge, Portsmouth.
1904.—The Rangitikei Lodge, Bulls, Wellington, New Zealand.
1905.—The Prince Alfred Lodge, Petersham, New South Wales.
1906.—The John Miller Lodge, Royapooram, Madras.
1907.—The Notre Dame Lodge, Betts Cove, Newfoundland.
1908.—The Cholmondeley Lodge, Frodsham, Cheshire.
1909.—The Carnarvon Lodge, Nottingham.
1910.—The Shadwell Clerke Lodge, Notting Hill.
1911.—The De la Pré Lodge, Northampton.

MASONIC C.C. v. WOOD GREEN C.C. SECOND ELEVEN.

PLAYED in lovely weather, on Saturday, 21st May, on a fairly good wicket, and after an extremely well contested game resulted in a victory for the Masonics by 3 wickets and three runs. The M.C.C. having won the toss, put their opponents in, who sent in Lewis and Thomas. The wickets fell very rapidly, owing to the capital bowling of E. V. Gardner and P. James. With the exception of Conolly and Bidwell, who made 16 and 7 respectively, no heavy scoring was shown by Wood Green. The last wicket fell for 44. After the usual interval, the M.C.C. went in. The first 2 wickets fell for 12. E. V. Gardner, after a very steady innings, was unfortunately bowled for 8. The rest followed in and out rapidly, and the innings ended for 23. Wood Green in their second innings were easily disposed of, E. V. Gardner and P. James only succeeding in adding 15 to the total. This left the M.C.C. 37 in order to win—a task they completed, thanks to the fine batting of W. A. Stansfield, who made 27 (not out). The Masonic Band played, at intervals, a choice selection of music, which highly pleased the spectators, and made the game very pleasant. The following is the full score :—

WOOD GREEN.

FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
Lewis A James b E V Gardner	6	Not out	2
Thomas A G b James	0	b James	1
Lamprell b James	2	b E V Gardner	2
Conolly St Pulman b E V Gardner	16	b James	0
E C Bidwell b James	7	b James	5
A M Pool b E V Gardner	0	b E V Gardner	0
Griffiths b E V Gardner	0	b James	1
Algar b James	0	b James	0
Lloyd b James	0	ct & b E V Gardner	2
Bennett b James	1	run out	0
Case not out	2	run out	0
Carter b E V Gardner	4	ct Gardner b James	0
Extras	6	Extras	2
Total	44	Total	15

MASONIC C.C.

FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
Duff b Lewis	5	b Bidwell	0
Robinson b Lewis	0	b Lewis	0
E V Gardner b Bidwell	8	lbw Bidwell	4
James run out	1	b Lewis	0
Pulman b Lewis	0	b Lewis	0
L Wain b Bidwell	0	b Lewis	2
Stansfield b Bidwell	6	not out	27
Nash b Lewis	0	b Bidwell	1
Whalley b Lewis	0	b Bidwell	3
Stephenson b Lewis	0	not out	
Percy not out	2		
Pilling ct Pool b Lewis	0		
Extras	1	Extras	2
Total	23	Total	39

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE BURDETT COUTTS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1278.

THE anniversary meeting of this Lodge was celebrated on the 4th inst., at the Lamb Tavern, Wilmot-street, Bethnal-green-road, where it is now comfortably established, and gives every promise of again becoming a most successful working Lodge. The W.M. of the parent Lodge, Bro. Dr. Defriez, having kindly consented to preside, Lodge was opened in due form in a room adjoining the usual Lodge room, and the W.M. was assisted by the following brethren :—Bros. T. J. Barnes P.M. as S.W., Clark J.W., Abrahams S.D., Ward J.D., Hammond I.G., Hand Hon. Secretary. There were also present Bros. Huxley, Jones, Smith, Christian, Glass, Brittain, Frichtenicht, Swan, Stewart, Anderson, Quay, Gray, Chitson, Venner, Fisher, E. Venner, Clements, Holdom, G. H. Stephens, &c. After the minutes of the previous Lodge meeting had been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Barnes S.W. worked the first section of the lecture with the assistance of the brethren. Lodge was closed to the first degree, when the following brethren were admitted members, viz., Bros. Glass 453, E. Venner 901, and Frichtenicht 217, each of whom expressed thanks for the honour conferred upon him. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the usual Lodge room, which, under the skilful direction of Bro. J. B. D'Ardenne, had undergone a complete transformation, and been made to serve as a spacious and handsome *salle à manger*, the tables being ornamented with flowers, in excellent taste. When comfortably seated, to the number of about three dozen, grace was said, and an excellent repast was done justice to. It has seldom fallen to our lot to have been present at so successful and harmonious a meeting, all present enjoying themselves most heartily. That excellent aid to the digestive organs a good toast list, was next discussed. Bro. Defriez having given Loyalty to the Throne and Prosperity to the Masonic Institutions, and the Best Interests of the Craft, the sentiment was heartily received, and Bro. Sturtevant (S.W. of the mother Lodge, who acted throughout the evening as I.P.M.) sang "God save the Queen," the brethren assisting. The next toast, the W.M. said, was the toast of the evening. In proposing prosperity to the Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, he felt quite certain, if the brethren would attend, they would find out its great value. It was years since he joined, and he felt greatly indebted to the Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction. He would associate the name of Bro. Barnes, who was well known, with this toast, from whom the W. Master owned to have received considerable instruction. Bro. Barnes, in response, said he was one of the founders of the Lodge, and for a long time took great interest in it, being a frequent attendant at its meetings. He wished it all prosperity and success. Although of late not able to be with them often, he was with them in the spirit if not in the flesh. He thanked the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Sturtevant. Bro. Defriez was, he said, the W.M. of the Burdett Coutts Lodge, and it was very kind of him to come and assist them by taking the chair on this occasion. They all wished to make the Lodge of Instruction a success, and although it had sometimes fallen into disuse, it now was going on most prosperously. It was conveniently located, so that brethren could reach it by rail, and they were fortunate in having a good host (Bro. D'Ardenne). He would ask them to drink the health of the W.M., whose assistance had rendered the present meeting a success. After a song from Bro. Hammond, Bro. Defriez said he was very much obliged to Bro. Sturtevant and to the brethren for proposing and responding to the toast. He felt very much indebted to the Burdett Coutts Lodge for instruction which had enabled him to fill the chair in the mother Lodge. In proposing the Officers, the W.M., after accounting for the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. Hogg P.M. the Preceptor, said no Lodge could succeed unless it had a good Preceptor. The brethren in coming for instruction had to pay; this necessitated having a Treasurer to take care of the money, and a Secretary to keep the accounts. He asked them to drink the health of those excellent Officers. After a capital song from Bro. A. Abrahams, Bros. Hand Secretary, and D'Ardenne Treasurer, returned thanks. The Mother Lodge was next honoured, and Bro. Sturtevant, who was called upon to respond, after a few remarks, said the mother Lodge took its title from a lady whose name is closely associated with charity, and what, he would ask, was Masonry but charity? The meeting gave him great pleasure, and he could say, might the Lodge continue its present prosperity, in which wish he was sure every member of the mother Lodge would join. The next toast the W.M. said was a most important one. He asked them to drink to the Sister Lodges of Instruction in the neighbourhood. They had received assistance from all, and felt much obliged to them, especially on the occasion of working the Fifteen Sections. There was Bro. Barnes, who was a host in himself; Bro. B. Stewart Secretary of the Trelegar 1623, G. H. Stephens Secretary of the Israel No. 205, Christian of the Dalhousie 860, and others. This was received with great cordiality, and several of the brethren responded. The toasts of the Masonic Press, replied to by Bro. G. H. Stephens; the Visitors, replied to by Bros. Fisher S.D. Abbey Lodge 1184, Gray P.M. Camden Lodge 704, and Limbe of the Corinthian; the Hosts, responded to by Bros. Huxley and D'Ardenne, with the alternation of some good singing, and a capital recitation by Bro. Stephens, occupied the remainder of this most pleasant evening. Great praise is due to Bro. Hand Hon. Sec. for so ably organising the meeting, and to Bro. D'Ardenne for so efficiently placing the resources of his establishment at the disposal of the brethren in so handsome and creditable a manner.

Among the Volunteer Officers on whom Her Majesty has conferred the honour of Aide-de-Camp, is the Right Worshipful Bro. Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master of North Wales and Salop.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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MACDONALD LODGE, No. 1206.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Lodge Rooms, at Headquarters of the First Surrey Volunteer Rifles, at Camberwell, on Thursday, the 12th inst., when a large attendance of members and visitors testified to the interest taken in the continued progress of the Macdonald. Amongst those present were Bros. W. C. Hale W.M., D. A. Ross S.W. and W.M. elect, T. A. Hooper J.W., A. Styan Treasurer, W. J. Messenger P.M. Secretary, C. H. Nevill S.D., A. C. Bradley J.D., A. J. Style A.D.C., Alfred Youngman I.G., A. Woodcock C.S.; Past Masters Charles Fountain I.P.M., James Stevens, Newington Bridges D.C., H. Hammond, M. S. Larlham, and T. W. Cornell; also Bros. A. G. White, H. A. Price, H. Cuff, J. Curtis, A. H. Gogge, E. W. Dubois, W. S. Harvey, A. H. Mann, H. Ward, V. H. D'Avaux, R. Sandell, A. R. Cranch, T. P. Staley, T. V. Turner, F. P. Baxter, P. Yonge, F. Hutchins. Visitors—Bros. G. W. J. King W.M. 905, Thomas Preston, H. Goodman, H. J. M. Williams, and W. S. R. Payne, all of the Royal Leopold Lodge, No. 1669; H. J. Thorne D.C. 1818, F. C. Rossignol 1672, A. F. Lowrie 1556, James Tulloch 142, John Probert P.M. British, A. Bertram of The Great City, and Burcham Cooper of the Ivy 1411. After the confirmation of minutes, and the passing to the F.C. degree of the initiates in attendance, Bro. D. A. Ross the W.M. elect was presented to the W.M., Bro. W. C. Hale, for installation, and in due course was placed in the chair of K.S. by his immediate predecessor. The newly installed Master appointed his Officers in rotation, and Bro. Past Master Bridges having delivered the customary addresses, the proceedings connected with the installation ceremony were completed. The Auditors' report met with a favourable reception, the balance in favour of the Lodge being considered most satisfactory. After the despatch of some routine business, the W.M. announced to the brethren that he had made arrangements for the banquet to take place at the Bridge House Hotel, instead of the large Mess-room attached to Headquarters, and he fully explained his reasons for this departure from former custom, and satisfied his hearers that his reasons were good and sufficient. Consequently, on the closing of the Lodge, each brother present declared his agreement with the Worshipful Master by accepting the accommodation provided in the conveyances then in waiting, and by means of which they speedily reached the banquet-room, prepared for them by Messrs. Roberts. We must candidly admit that, notwithstanding the hitherto good repute in which the festive gatherings of the Macdonald in their "Mess-room" have always been held, the contrast on this occasion, having regard to display and service, was greatly in favour of the view taken by the new W.M. that change was necessary. At all events, a more elaborate *menu*, with excellent wines and liberal attendance, could not have been desired, and the proprietors of the Hotel deserved the expressions of satisfaction which their efforts to please called forth. After clearance of the cloth, the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, his remarks being greatly assisted by the appropriate Shakspearian quotations with which the menu card was liberally besprinkled. These were not of the usual character, but appeared to be a perfectly new series, and the result of much research on the part of the compiler, who, it was whispered, was the Worshipful Master himself. Whether that be so or not, the work was very creditable. The toast of the Worshipful Master was enthusiastically received, and in a manner which testified to his popularity. In reply, the Worshipful Master again referred to the departure from former usage in leaving the Lodge rooms for a distant hotel, and his remarks called forth a further endorsement of the policy he had adopted. The Visitors, in responding for the compliment paid to them, also expressed their conviction that the best interests of the Lodge would be advanced by the new arrangement. The customary acknowledgments of services of Past Masters and Officers were made, and duly responded to. The proceedings of a delightful evening were interspersed by excellent singing and recitals, amongst which may be particularly noticed the recitation by Past Master James Stevens (the originator of the Lodge) of the admirable Masonic poem "Masons' Vows," which he appears to have made quite his own. With the Tyler's toast this most enjoyable gathering came to a conclusion at a reasonable hour.

PRIORY CHAPTER, No. 1000.

THE installation meeting of this very flourishing Chapter was held at the Terminus Hotel, Southend-on-Sea, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. Excellent Companion Rev. H. J. Hatch M.E.Z. presided at the opening of the Chapter. The preliminary business being completed, Bro. Dr. Thomas King, M.D., P.M. 160 P.P.G.P. Essex, was duly exalted to the supreme degree. After the delivery of the three lectures, Excellent Companion James Terry P.Z. 174 P.G.D.C. Herts proceeded to instal the Principals for the ensuing year, viz.:—Companions W. Pissey M.E.Z., E. Judd H., Dr. J. F. Jones J. At the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Terry for his able and impressive rendering of the ceremonies. The following were invested Officers, viz.:—Companions Rev. H. J. Hatch I.P.Z., J. A. Wardell P.Z. Scribe E., F. Wood Scribe N., A. Lucking P.Z. Treasurer, J. F. T. Wiseman Prin. Soj., A. Martin Janitor. Amongst those present, besides the above-mentioned, were Companions Dr. E. E. Phillips P.Z., C. Palmer, H. Luker, J. M. Farr, H. Beecher. Visitor—Companion W. G. Brighten P.Z. 72 and 1339. A banquet followed, after which the usual toasts were given. A handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Rev. H. J. Hatch, in recognition of his able services during the past year. The Janitor's toast concluded a very enjoyable evening.

GORDON LODGE, No. 1726.

THE installation meeting was held on Tuesday, at the Assembly Rooms, Bognor, when the retiring W.M. Bro. R. Talmy Turner installed, as his successor in the chair, Bro. Arthur Smith Prov. G. Steward. Bro. A. Smith, who is an enthusiastic and efficient Mason, served last year, with much distinction, as W.M. of the Union Lodge, No. 38, Chichester. Having returned thanks for the election to the chief office in Masonry in his native town, he proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, among them being Bro. A. G. Harvie S.W., Bro. H. N. Travers J.W., Bro. Swansborne Treasurer, and Bro. A. T. Long Secretary. The usual banquet took place in the evening, at the Norfolk Hotel, when there was a good attendance of brethren. The newly-installed W.M. presided, and the gathering was invested with additional interest by the presence of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P. Among the other Visitors were the W.M. of the Union Lodge, No. 38, Bro. R. G. Raper, Bros. St. Clair P.M. 38 P.M. 1726, A. J. Wright P.M. 38, W. H. Barrett Senior Deacon 38, W. Dean Junior Deacon 38, O. Lloyd 38, G. Kemp 38, Wyndham Burrell 38 and 1495, the W. Master of the Worthing Lodge of Friendship 851 Skindle, and Visitors from the Lodges Hova Ecclesiæ 1466, and St. Cecilia 1636. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant evening spent, Bro. A. Kenningham, of St. Paul's Cathedral Choir, delighting the company by his splendid singing.

Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.—The regular meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on the 25th inst., at the Café Royal, Air-street, Regent-street. Bros. S. N. Abrahams W.M., M. Levy S.W., J. Syer J.W., L. Jacobs Treasurer, E. P. Albert P.G.P. Secretary, G. T. Mann S.D., N. H. Benjamin J.D., M. H. Leverton I.G., W. H. Gulliford P.M. D.C., D. M. Davis Organist, L. Lazarus Steward, P.M.'s L. J. Salomons, Chevalier S. Pollitzer, Grunbaum. Visitors—G. Reynolds 749, N. Bonson 180, L. Jacobs S.D. 1732, M. Swersee 185, Godden P.M. 862, P. E. Van Noorden Org. 188, J. Abrahams P.M. 188, Goldberger late 1017, Hoyes 123, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. A. Solomon was passed to the second degree, and Bros. Lindsay Sloper, J. Levi, S. Swersee, No. 185, were raised to the sublime degree (the latter by the courtesy of the W.M.) It was a pleasure to listen to the working of the W.M., whose perfect and impressive rendering of the ceremonies has rarely been excelled; the traditional history was given in full. The resignation of Bro. Nathan was accepted, with regret. Lodge was then closed until October. The brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Nicols, and superintended by Bro. Silver. The W.M., in proposing the toast of Her Most Gracious Majesty, alluded to her having attained her 62nd birthday, and hoped that she might continue to reign for many years. The National Anthem was sung. In proposing the toast of the D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, the W.M. spoke of the honour conferred upon Bro. Prince Leopold in creating him Duke of Albany; he must not forget, however, that they had a Grand Officer present, Bro. E. P. Albert Past Grand Pursuivant, in whom this Lodge is honoured, in having him for one of its Officers. After a response from Bro. E. P. Albert, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Visiting Brethren. There were many present, and he would be pleased to hear any remarks each or any might make. In responding, several of the guests paid great compliments to the W.M. for the able manner in which the ceremonies had been performed, and the genial presidency he displayed; while the efficient manner in which the Officers carried out the business of the Lodge left nothing to be desired. Bro. L. J. Salomons I.P.M. then rose to propose the health of the W.M. The expressions given utterance to by the visiting brethren had taken the words out of his mouth. However, the P.M.'s felt they all owed him a debt of gratitude for the way he had filled the chair. One and all were proud of him. The W.M. said he felt gratified to hear the compliments paid him; he hoped he had done some service for the brethren; this assurance would be a sufficient incentive to him to do anything for the Lodge and for the Craft in general. The Lodge would not meet again until October, when he hoped the brethren would assemble in health and prosperity. The Past Masters was next given; they had been tried, and never been found wanting. Bro. L. J. Salomons is one who has gained the good will and the approbation of the Lodge. Bro. Albert held three positions; he is a P.G.P., a P.M. of the Lodge, and its Sec., and the members owe him a debt of gratitude. Bros. Grunbaum, Chevalier S. Pollitzer, and Gulliford, had all done their duty. Bro. L. J. Salomons I.P.M. responded; he could hardly find language to speak after the kind words of the W.M. The services of the Past Masters were always at command. Bro. Gulliford followed. The W.M. had spoken of the excellent working of the King's Cross Lodge of Instruction; he might add it stood second to none in the Craft. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Wardens, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Junior Officers, and made especial reference to the valuable services rendered by Bro. P. E. Van Noorden. Bro. Syer S.W. in brief and eloquent terms responded, and then the Tyler's toast was given, concluding a very agreeable and harmonious evening. The W.M. provided an excellent musical melange, under the direction of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden. Miss Florence Dysart and Bro. P. E. Van Noorden sang a very effective duet. Bros. Lindsay Sloper, Dr. Chandler, and Davis contributed to the harmony. Bro. W. H. Gulliford displayed great care and attention for the comforts of the brethren.

At the Leeds Town Hall no less than 10,000 persons attended the three successive recitals on the grand organ, "In memoriam, the Earl of Beaconsfield," by the Corporation organist, Dr. Spark, who also produced a new and effective funeral march for the occasion, which has just been published and appropriately dedicated to Mrs. Blagden, wife of the Vicar of Hughenden. This lady, it will be remembered, played the music at the funeral service of the late Earl.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 28th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggeridge, Prince George, Parkholme Road, Dalston.
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

MONDAY, 30th MAY.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1606—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)

62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 31st MAY.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1340—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
1586—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
R.A. 731—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester

WEDNESDAY, 1st JUNE.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1534—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Besconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
645—Humphrey Chesham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
1085—Dartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Erith.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1630—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden

THURSDAY, 2nd JUNE.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Bell Hotel, Shoreditch. (Instruction.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
286—Napthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
289—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
1384—Equity, Alforde Chambers, Widnes
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man.
R.A. 758—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

FRIDAY, 3rd JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balla Pond Road
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 6.30.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
998—Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Room, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
1557—Albert Edward, Rush Hotel, Hexham.
1581—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1648—Prince of Wales, Free masons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 6

SATURDAY, 4th JUNE.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on the 19th instant. Present—Bros. D. M. Davis W.M., J. Da Silva S.W., G. H. Norden J.W., Gartley Deacon, Vallentine I.G., L. Norden Secretary, Webb P.M. Preceptor. After preliminaries the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. The first section was worked by Bro. Da Silva. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of the second degree. Both were worked in a most able and efficient manner. It was resolved that a cordial vote of thanks to the W.M. be entered on the minutes for the able manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremonies.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—The Worshipful Master of the mother Lodge took the chair, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 20th instant, at 8 p.m., supported by most of his Officers, and by Past Masters Bros. Boe,

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Gomm, Turner No. 14; Bros. Dorey, Hayes, Maton, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. Hayes offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. S. Blasby candidate. Bros. S. Blasby and Daniell answered the usual questions leading to the third degree, and retired. Lodge was opened in the third degree, Bro. Hayes again kindly volunteered as candidate, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. C. H. Turner P.M. Tuscan Lodge No. 14 and P.G.S. was unanimously elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Lodge was then closed, and the meeting for Instruction was adjourned till 3rd June, at 8 p.m.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on 24th inst., Bros. Edwards W.M., Wardell S.W., Smyth J.W., Polak S.D., Glass J.D., Clark I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., P.M. Wallington Preo.; Bros. Carr, Forss, Boyce, A. Clark, Christian, March, Brasted. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. A. Clark candidate. The same candidate was entrusted, and the Lodge opened in the second, when the ceremony of that degree was rehearsed. The Lodge was opened in the third, when the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. P.M. Wallington, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, installing Bro. Edwards into the chair of K.S. Bro. Edwards invested the Officers. Bro. P.M. Wallington then gave the addresses. Bro. Coble, of Lodge 453, was elected a member. Bro. Wardell was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, 933.—On the 13th inst., at the Old King's Head, Baker's-row, Whitechapel-road, Bros. W. Richardson W.M., I. P. Cohen S.W., T. Loane J.W., Hopkins S.D., J. R. Shingfield J.D., A. G. Clements I.G., P.M.'s B. Cundick Preceptor, W. Musto Hon. Secretary; also Bros. Taylor, Job, Moss, West, Tyer, Waterer, Levy, Swaffer, Bulwinckle, Seymour-Clarke, Clayton, Wilcox, &c. After preliminaries the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Waterer candidate. The W.M. worked the first and second, and Bro. Macdonald the third, fourth and fifth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Levy, Euphrates 212, was elected a member. Bro. Cohen was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, which, upon proposition unanimously carried, was arranged to be held at the Old Duke's Head, Baker's-row, Whitechapel-road, on the 20th inst.

Upton Lodge, No. 1227.—The usual assembly of this prosperous Lodge was held at the ordinary place of meeting, the Spotted Dog, Upton, on 18th inst. The W.M., Bro. A. W. Fenner, occupied the chair of K.S., and, his Officers being present, opened the Lodge in due form promptly and at the time announced in the summons. There was a large attendance of the members and Past Masters. Among the latter were Bros. G. Brown, Andrews, John Bellamy Grand Steward and first Master of the Lodge. The Visitors included Bros. A. H. Hickman S.W. United Strength 228, J. Myers 405 (Scotland), W. Wright Duke of Connaught 1524, W. G. Kent Past S.W. West Kent 1297. Lodge having been opened in the second degree, Bros. Turlefield and Morris were examined, and duly made Master Masons. Having resumed, a ballot was taken for Mr. W. H. Sneth, Licensed Victualler, 14 Artillery-lane, Bishopsgate, and for Mr. Amandus Hartman, Grosvenor Hotel, Pimlico. The brethren were unanimously in favour of each. Mr. H. D. Allison also, who had been previously ballotted for, being present, the three candidates were severally initiated in excellent form. The ceremonies were most admirably worked, the various Officers being, one and all, well up in the ritual. Bro. Sherwin the Organist added considerably to the impressiveness by the excellent manner in which he discharged his duties. The Worshipful Master and his Officers were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for the Summer Banquet, and the proceedings terminated in the usual manner.

St. John of Wapping Lodge, No. 1306.—The brethren of this flourishing Lodge met on 11th instant, at the Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, Finsbury-pavement, E.C. Being the first night of the W.M.'s year, and the last of the season, a good muster of the brethren assembled, the manner in which the work was carried out giving much satisfaction. There were present Bros. J Magrath W.M., T. Wooding S.W., J. Horsley J.W., W. Peck P.M. Treas., A. G. Clements Secretary, T. J. Tyer S.D., J. Couture J.D., J. G. Twinn D.C., G. T. Holdom I.G., J. Sommers and J. Loftus Stewards, P.M.'s C. Veal and J. W. Dawson, J. Carrociero, O. N. Stanger, H. Parsons, Frank Crawley, W. McCreddie, W. Bate, T. F. Tarling, W. L. Hodgson, George Wise, Francis Slater, and R. G. Ricketts. Visitor—Bro. G. H. Stephens J.D. 1623. Lodge having been formally opened, the ballot was taken for the admission of Messrs. G. Wise and F. Slater, and those gentlemen were initiated into the mysteries of the Order, Bro. Magrath working carefully and well. Bro. O. N. Stanger was next tested as to his proficiency; it proving satisfactory, he was entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing Bro. Stanger to the second degree was well performed. No other business presenting itself, after discussing several appeals for charity, the Charity Box was circulated, and its contents were agreed to be given to the widow of a deceased brother, whose application to the Board of Benevolence was also entertained and supported by the Lodge. The I.P.M. Bro. Veal gave notice of motion to increase both the initiation fee and the annual subscription. Hearty good wishes were expressed to the W.M. Lodge was closed, and adjourned until October.

Lodge of Israel, No. 1502.—The usual monthly meeting of the members of this flourishing Lodge (and the last previous to the annual vacation) took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 16th instant, when there was a numerous and influential gathering of members and visitors. Bro. S. J. Henochsberg the popular W.M. was in his place, and most admirably performed the duties of his office, his chief work being that of raising Bro. Hosker to the degree of M.M. Amongst those at the Lodge were Bros. H. A. Tobias I.P.M., A. J. Henochsberg P.M., S. Schonstadt P.M., A. Levy P.M. P.G. Treasurer, R. Robinson P.P.G. Registrar, M. Aronsberg S.W., M. P. Tuski J.W., M. Hart P.M. Treasurer, J. Saber Secretary, D. Gabrielsen S.D., H. M. Silver I.G., B. Levy M.C., M. Baum and P. S. Levy Stewards; Bros. H. Gibbs, H. Gabriel, A. Lyons, R. Abrahams, H. S. Alpass P.G. Secretary, &c. Bro. A. Lyons, Treasurer of the Ball Committee, presented a balance sheet, from which it appeared that the sum of £50 7s 9d was the amount which had been netted from the annual merry meeting of the Lodge, and this sum was handed over to the Benevolent Fund connected with the Lodge, which has now upwards of £300 to its credit. The sum of ten guineas was voted in aid of the Boys' Schools, London, and Bro. Maurice Hart P.M. Treasurer, who will attend the approaching festival as a Steward, notified that he would be glad to receive the individual subscriptions of the brethren, so that this sum might be further augmented. The brethren subsequently banqueted under the presidency of Bro. S. J. Henochsberg W.M., and an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent. Bro. H. A. Tobias I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., spoke of him in high terms, and wished him the greatest happiness in connection with his marriage in August next. The W.M. replied in suitable terms. It may be stated that it appeared from the minutes that the brethren have voted a substantial sum for the purpose of presenting Bro. Henochsberg with a marriage gift, and the vote will be supplemented by individual subscriptions from the brethren. Bros. Windsor P.M., Maurice Hart P.M., and A. Henochsberg P.M. contributed to the harmony, the latter brother giving a very excellent recitation.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 19th May, at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, W. Present:—Bros. Alexander Jones W.M., H. E. Tucker S.W., G. Coop J.W., J. Wells S.D., G. S. Wright J.D., H. Kasner P.M. I.G.; Past Masters Bros. F. Smith, C. Bellerby, and H. Stephens. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. J. Wells candidate. Bro. H. E. Tucker was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Lodge was closed.

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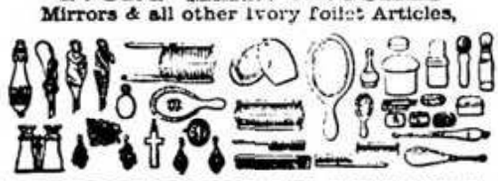
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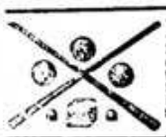
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THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE time is now fast approaching when the third and last of the Anniversary Festivals of our Charitable Institutions will be held. Those of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and Royal Masonic Institution for Girls have already taken place, the former in February, when Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., P.G.M. West Yorkshire, occupied the chair, and a total of subscriptions amounting to £14,370 was realised; the latter, on the 18th May, under the presidency of Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., the newly-elected Prov. G. Master of Gloucestershire, when the handsome total of but a little short of £11,500 was contributed. The eighty-third Festival of the Royal Institution for Boys will be celebrated on Wednesday, the 29th instant, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, when the chair will be taken by the most noble the Marquis of Londonderry, K.T., the newly-appointed Prov. Grand Master of Durham. The Board of Stewards, which already numbers some 230 brethren, includes Sir H. Edwards, Bart., P.G.M. West Yorkshire, as President; Bros. Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G. Chaplain D.P.G. Master Suffolk, George Lambert G.S.B., and A. Duff-Filer P.G.S.B. as Vice Presidents, W. Roebuck G.S. Hon. Treasurer, and Bro. F. Binckes P.G.S. and Secretary of the Institution as Honorary Secretary. There is then every reason to anticipate that under such influential auspices, and with such a strong array of Stewards, which will doubtless be very much more strong by the day appointed, the Festival of the Boys' School will be in every respect worthy of taking its place among the greatest of the many successes achieved of late years by our worthy and Wor. Bro. Binckes. He it was, it must be remembered, who had the satisfaction of being first able to announce a total list of subscriptions and donations in excess of £10,000. It was he who, at his last year's Festival, was in a position to announce a sum of £14,000, as the result of the combined efforts of the Chairman (the Earl of Lathom), the Board of Stewards, and himself; and though by many it may be regarded as somewhat of a misfortune to come last in order of the Festivals, still Bro. Binckes has so often shown us that the last in order is very far from being the least productive, that we do not hesitate to repeat those anticipations of great success on the present occasion which we have already formulated.

There are special circumstances about the Boys' Festival for the present which justify our drawing attention to it somewhat earlier than usual, and there are special reasons why we should go a little out of our way, perhaps, to commend it to the notice of the Craft generally. Let us note these latter first. The School, as our readers are well aware, has been very largely increased in numbers within the last few years. There are 215 pupils now, when, till very recently, there were but from 150 to 160; yet, in spite of these additions to the numerical strength of the establishment, the number of candidates who present themselves and are approved is always very largely in excess of the vacancies. To take the last election in April for purposes of illustration. There were seventy-two candidates for twenty vacancies, and after deducting those unsuccessful boys whose names have been removed from the list on the score of their being over age, there still remain no less than forty-seven who will have an opportunity of competing again in October next; in fact, we may venture on reckoning that there will be an even greater difference in the ratio of candidates to appointments from what there was in the spring. In the case of the Girls' School this proportion of candidates to vacancies is far less unequal. There were in April last twenty-eight candidates for fifteen vacancies, and there remain over for further trial or trials eleven girls who are still eligible in respect of age. No doubt this is owing to the still more recent purchase of Lyncombe House, and the additional twenty-five pupils it was found possible, in consequence, to receive into the Institution. Yet, whatever may be the explanation that is forthcoming, there remains the fact that the number of candidates eligible for election into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is forty-seven; that the total number approved will be about seventy; and that the vacancies for which they will compete will be only some eight or nine in number. This is a reason which, while by itself it is sufficient to fully justify a special and early appeal to the Masonic public, is also one which makes it imperative there should be a hearty and liberal response to the energetic appeals of the Stewards.

A further and equally pleasing reason why we should press the claims of Our Boys on the notice of the Craft will be found in the fact that while the Benevolent Institution has a total of invested moneys amounting to over £60,000, and the Girls' School some £45,000 in Government Stock, the Boys' School can only boast of investments amounting to £15,000, of which one-third or £5,000 was purchased as the result of last year's Festival. Thus against a rainy day, the Boys' School is about one-third as well off as the Girls', and one-fourth as well off as the Benevolent, while the last-mentioned enjoys the inestimable advantage over both its sister Institutions of receiving from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter together no less than £950 as against a little over £160 subscribed by those two Grand Bodies to each of the Schools. From this it follows that the Benevolent has a permanent income of over £3,070, the Girls' about (say) £1,500, and the Boys' about £750—a very startling disproportion as between the Schools, especially considering the number of pupils in the two is so nearly equal, while the expense per head on education and maintenance is greater in the case of the Boys than in that of the Girls. The Benevolent in a measure stands by itself, as it is under an obligation to find £11,600 a year in annuities alone, to say nothing of the expenses of management, which cannot be less than £2000. It is hardly possible under the circumstances to attempt anything like a comparison between the R.M.B.I. and the R.M.I.B.

Nor must we pass over the excellence of the system of education adopted in the School, as shown by the splendid series of successes achieved at the Cambridge Middle Class examinations. These are irrefragable testimony to the pains bestowed by Dr. Morris and his staff, and prove that the money that is subscribed for the maintenance and education of our orphan Boys is expended both wisely and well. We judge of the excellence of a tree by the quality of the fruit it bears, and here we have the tree of knowledge that is implanted in the mind of each pupil of our Boys' School bearing, not only sound, but useful and nutritious fruit, so that those who partake of it become strong and better able to cope with the difficulties by which, on their entrance into, and career through, life, they will be surrounded. Were it otherwise, were the boys that are turned out year after year found to be below the average of those of their own age in respect of educational attainments; were a lax system of discipline maintained, so that the boys were unruly in school and likely, therefore, to resist authority when placed in some clerical or other office

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of a similar character, it is presumably very certain that many subscriptions which are now annually forthcoming would be withheld. But the discipline, like the education, is most creditable to all who have a part in the direction of the Institution, and no one, therefore, is likely to run away with the impression that the moneys contributed to the Boys' School are wastefully or improperly expended. It is unnecessary to say more in this connection, as our American cousins are apt to phrase it. It is certain the money raised will be well and worthily appropriated and will enable our poor orphan youngsters to acquire an amount of knowledge which cannot fail to be of incalculable benefit to them in after life.

There is yet another reason to which we wish to draw the attention of our readers. We have said the increase in the number of the pupils and consequent outlay had been very considerable in the course of the last few years. In April 1876, there were in the School 158 pupils, or, including those admitted by purchase and presentation, 178. There are now 215, showing an increase in the last quinquennial period of some twenty per cent. Not only does this entail an increased outlay of about £1,500, but in order to provide the increased accommodation for these further pupils, a large outlay has been necessarily incurred in respect of building and furnishing. Yet in spite of this increase, the number of candidates is out of all proportion to the number of vacancies, and it is in contemplation to erect a Preparatory School, which shall be sufficiently large to accommodate only in the first instance 50, but ultimately 150 additional boys. Plans and estimates for the requisite buildings are in course of being advertised for, and as soon as the Executive see their way to commencing operations, they will make a start; that is, they will commit the Institution to an expenditure greatly in excess of what is already undertaken. To put the matter still more clearly, when the new premises have been built and furnished for occupation, 50 new boys will be taken into the School, entailing an additional drain on the resources of the Institution, of (say somewhere about £2,000 per annum. Thus last year's expenditure was in round figures £10,500; a year or two hence the outlay will amount to £12,500.

We have overlooked one point. The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is the only one of the Charities which sustained a loss by the failure of the firm with which it banked, the loss amounting to between £800 and £900. This loss has been made good by what is known as the Bank Loss Restoration Fund, to the extent only of 104 guineas, so that there is even now a deficiency of between £700 and £800. We trust this will be borne in mind by the Craft when the question of contributing to the funds of this Charity, at the Festival of the 29th instant, is submitted to their notice. It is one of those reasons which ought to have some influence in extracting moneys from the pockets of the benevolent. To sum up this part of our case:—the great excess of candidates over vacancies; the limited amount of invested moneys, and the consequent smallness of the permanent income; the excellence of the education and the moral training afforded; the proposed increase in the number of pupils; and the loss sustained some time since,—these are the reasons we bring forward why it is incumbent on our brethren to extend a hearty and liberal support towards the Institution with which the name of Bro. Binckes has been so intimately and so gloriously associated for the past twenty years.

Having recapitulated the reasons which have induced us to lay the case of the Boys' Festival before the Craft at so early a date, and which, to our mind, render the warm co-operation of London and the Provinces so indispensible, let us pass briefly in review the special circumstances connected with the Anniversary. We must first of all note that the chair will be occupied by the Marquis of Londonderry Provincial Grand Master of Durham. As with the Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, at the Girls' School, so with his Lordship, this may be looked upon as his first public act in Masonry since his appointment as Provincial Grand Master, and, therefore, we look forward with confidence to the support of the Lodges over whose welfare he has so recently been called upon to preside. Durham, though it cannot boast of a numerical strength like that of the two Lancashires, West Yorkshire, Devonshire, and Hants and the Isle of Wight, is, nevertheless, a Province of considerable weight. It has on its roll twenty-six Lodges, an unusual proportion of which stand high on the list of Grand Lodge, while five of these have had the honour of a Centenary Warrant conferred upon them. Durham, therefore, may be rightly looked upon as a stronghold of the Craft. It has, too, a reputation for being constant in its support of the Boys' School, having sent up Stewards at every one of its Festivals we have had the pleasure of chronicling in our columns. Sunderland, which we all know, is a port of great importance, has four Lodges; Stockton three, Hartlepool three, and Chester-le-Street, Darlington, Durham, and Gateshead two each. Under these circumstances we are quite justified in anticipating that, as well from its strength and influence, as from its very natural anxiety to support loyally its lately-appointed Chief, Durham will exert itself strenuously at the approaching Festival. Then the adjacent Province of Northumberland is not only intimately connected with it industrially, but two of its towns—Newcastle, with ten Lodges, and North Shields, with one, may be looked upon as being as closely allied with Durham, as Southwark and London, Lambeth and Westminster, are in the Metropolis. We shall look forward, therefore, to there being a cordial amount of support from Northumberland, not very much behind that of Durham itself. Contiguous Provinces cannot be otherwise than animated by a warm, neighbourly feeling towards each other.

But a marked feature in connection with the Boys' Festival is, that so far as we are aware it will be the first time in the annals of our Charitable celebrations that the anniversary of any one of our Institutions has been held onside the area of the Metropolitan District. The Girls' and Benevolent Festivals have invariably taken place at Freemasons' Tavern, but of late years that of the Boys' School has been held, now at the Alexandra, now at the Crystal Palace. This year the locality chosen is the Royal Pavilion at Brighton. As the sea-side resort is known familiarly as London-Super-Mare, the change may not at first strike one as being so great, but there is no doubt it will be looked upon as a startling innovation. Yet is it one as to which there can be no doubt about its being reasonable. The Provinces are very liberal in their support of our Central Institutions. At all events, one thing is very certain, whenever a Province is thus honoured there is no doubt its sympathies will be enlisted with the particular Institution whose Anniversary is held within its limits. Sussex, we know, requires but little, if any, incentive to do *its* duty; yet Brighton, primarily and particularly, and the Province generally, cannot be otherwise than greatly gratified it should have been chosen as the scene of this first great departure from the usual order of proceedings. Brighton has seven Lodges of its own, while there are a round two dozen on the roll of the Province; and no doubt these will make an effort beyond what is usual, if only to show their sense of the compliment that has been paid them. Indeed, we have been told that Bro. V. P. Freeman, Provincial Grand Secretary, who will act as Steward for the whole Province, has already secured a list of subscriptions amounting to £700, and it is hoped that before the day arrives this will be increased to £1,000.

As to the arrangements, they, as far as we can see, leave nothing to be desired. A special train will leave London Bridge at 11.30 a.m., calling at East Croydon at 11.50 a.m., in order to take up passengers from Victoria. The Stewards' fees will be as usual, and the dinner tickets, railway fares included, will be about the ordinary price, while the arrangements for the convenience of the guests are of the most complete character possible. We may add that ladies will, as usual, be present at the banquet, while the brethren will, also as usual, wear no Masonic clothing. It remains for us to add, that we trust, under these circumstances, the Boys' Festival of 1881 will be a success in keeping with those which Bro. Binckes has achieved during the past six years.

The Directors of the Kingston Masonic Benefit Association in their report for the year ending February, have expressed, says the *Canadian Craftsman*, their assurance of its healthiness and stability. Of twenty-one applications for membership made during the year, nineteen were accepted, while but seven members had died, to whose legal representatives in each case the sum of 200 dollars had been paid. There are now 202 members, of whom 82 are resident in Kingston, while the remaining 120 are scattered about from Portland, Maine, to San Francisco, and between Montreal and Winnipeg.

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THE SUBSCRIPTION LISTS OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

HAVING in a late issue referred at some length to the actual result attained by the 260 brethren who acted as Stewards in connection with the Ninety-third Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, we hardly think it necessary on the present occasion to say more than that the Festival of 1881 must be looked back upon as a grand success, more particularly when we take into consideration the great depression which at the present time exists in all branches of business throughout the country. A total subscription to one of our Institutions of close on £11,500 is at once a practical demonstration of the charitable feature of Freemasonry and a splendid testimony of the hearty way in which the Stewards must have devoted themselves to their task. We cannot but congratulate the Chairman, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, and we feel sure he must be proud of the result which attended his first presidency on behalf of one of the Masonic Institutions, especially when the action of his own Province is taken into consideration. But to proceed to our task of reviewing the work of the respective districts.

London, which according to our published list had 112 Stewards, and had sent up £5,561 7s 6d, is slightly behind the Provinces as regards its total, the latter being represented by 148 Stewards, who together collected £5,884 17s 4d. Of the London Lodges, first as regards amount is the Earl of Carnarvon, No. 1642, which was represented by three Stewards, the total of their lists being £300; a grand result for any Lodge to achieve, but particularly gratifying when we bear in mind that last year the same contributed £400 to the Benevolent Festival. No words are needed from us to secure for the brethren of this Lodge the highest opinion of their fellows for this further grand display of their benevolence. The Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, follows closely, having sent up £246 15s, which, with £106 1s, its contribution to the Benevolent Institution in February last, makes a total of £352 16s contributed by its members during the current year; such figures as these reflect the highest credit on all who assist in the charitable work of the Lodge. The Grand Stewards' Lodge, at the hands of Bro. Frank Richardson, who was President of the Board of Stewards, contributed £150 9s, this being the first of the Festivals of 1881 it has taken part in. Last year it supported both our Educational Institutions, sending £23 2s to the Girls, and £140 3s to the Boys. No. 1383, Friends in Council Lodge, comes next, with £140 14s, being an advance of £7 7s on its contribution to the Benevolent Festival in February last. This Lodge has for some time past been a persistent supporter of the Masonic Institutions, and the splendid results its Stewards are enabled to produce is an example which might be followed by many other Lodges which are equally able to show as well, but who, from one cause or other, do not do so. The total of its contributions last year—when it was represented at all three of the Festivals—was no less than £473 4s. The Canonbury, No. 657, is another Lodge which does well. On the present occasion its Steward figures for £136 10s—a proud total, following so closely on the list of Bro. Buss, who in February last took up £315 from the same Lodge on behalf of the Old People. There are six other London Lodges with three figure totals, viz., The City of Westminster, No. 1563, which contributed £119 14s. The St Leonard, No. 1766, represented by three Stewards, £110 10s; No. 1608, the Kilburn, £108 19s; No. 1719, the Evening Star, £105; No. 862, the Whittington, £103 19s; and the St. John (Hampstead), No. 167, which figures for £100 16s. To those under a £100 it is not our custom to refer individually, but a glance at the figures themselves will show how many others there are which are entitled to words of commendation.

Now, as regards the Provinces, we are very pleased to see so many of them represented, and in most instances in such a manner as to reflect great credit on those who have devoted themselves to the cause. At the same time the number of absentees is greater than was the case last year, for while then there were thirty-five Provinces represented, this year the number is but thirty-one, a falling off which can ill be afforded by either of the Masonic Institutions. Of the absent Districts of last year one alone—the Western Division of South Wales—is represented on this occasion, with a total of £300, which is a similar amount to what it contributed to the Boys in July last. The absentees at both this and the last Girls' Festival—are Cambridgeshire, Cornwall, Herefordshire, Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, and Northumberland; while Bedfordshire, Bristol, Cumberland and Westmoreland, Lincolnshire, and Nottinghamshire make up the total of ten unrepresented Provinces on the present occasion. First, as regards those which did appear, is Gloucestershire, with a total of £1,000 from twenty-four Stewards. As we recently said, this District is entitled to the credit of having made about the grandest Provincial effort on record, but even that hardly does sufficient credit to the generosity of the Gloucestershire brethren, who, it must be remembered, are comparatively few in number—the total on the register of the Province being but 578—this would give an average of about thirty-five shillings from each member of the Province. West Yorkshire comes next with £500, which amount, added to its donation of £3,500 to the Benevolent Institution, makes up £4,000 from its members during the current year. Kent, represented by ten Stewards, supplies £340 13s 6d as its quota, that being a few pounds short of its total of February, which was £358 14s 6d. Middlesex follows with £307 3s 3d, contributed by nine Stewards, among whom we may mention the name of Bro. H. B. Marshall with a donation of one hundred guineas. The total from the Western Division of South Wales (£300) we have already referred to. West Lancashire sends up £276 3s, divided among eleven Stewards, a fair amount when we take into consideration the way in which they supported their Provincial Grand Master, who acted as chairman for the Boys last year. The total from the Province was then £2,664 18s 6d, so that the brethren of the district may be said to possess good laurels—and of recent procuring—to rest upon for a short time at least. The little Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, consisting of ten Lodges, stands out well with a total of £228 6s, but then it is a frequent attendant at the Festivals, and it would almost seem that those who give the most frequently are able to figure the best—we imagine from the fact that the claims of the Charities are being constantly urged in its Lodges. Essex at the hands of four Stewards sends up £221 3s of which sum Bro. E. Shedd, of the Rosslyn Lodge, contributes £127 1s. Devonshire with three Stewards manages to get just over two hundred pounds, its total being £201 7s 8d, the Steward of the Union Lodge, No. 444, taking to himself no less than £125 15s 8d of that sum. The Provinces contributing three figure totals under two hundred pounds are 14 in number, of which the Eastern Division of Lancashire with £197 18s 6d stands first. It was represented by five Stewards. The result of their efforts cannot but be described as satisfactory, still we must express the hope that the day is not far distant when the Province will make another supreme effort for the benefit of one or other of the Institutions, and send up an amount which will place it at the top of the list, where it stood at the earliest Festival of 1879. £182 6s from Hampshire and the Isle of Wight places that Province next in order, four Stewards having been engaged in the collection of that contribution. £181 13s from Somersetshire, at the hands of one Steward, is a close follower. In each case the support thus given is but a continuation of many previous good totals, and each of these Provinces may claim to be recorded as persistent supporters of the three Institutions. Surrey sends £174 5s at the hands of seven Stewards, one of whom, Bro. T. C. Eager, secured £102 7s as the representative of the Wey Side Lodge, No. 1395. Staffordshire sends £157 10s, by one Steward, who is accredited as acting for the whole Province, including his own Lodge, No. 726, the Staffordshire Knot. North and East Yorkshire comes next with £134 8s, of which sum all but thirteen guineas comes from the City of York, £63 being the contribution of the York Lodge, and £57 15s the total of the list of the Steward from the Eboracum. This latter is a splendid illustration of what can be done by zealous workers in a new Lodge. There is scarcely a Festival that has occurred since its foundation but something has been done, for one or other of the Charities, and we cannot but help thinking that to it must be given the credit of having started in the breasts of the brethren of the district a desire to support the Charities of the Order. Cheshire figures for £129 3s 11d, six Stewards having among them collected that amount, and thereby maintained the good reputation enjoyed by the Province. Berks

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and Bucks and Dorsetshire run close for next place, the former contributing £122 19s, and the latter £122 17s. Six Stewards represented Berks and Bucks, the usual order of things being on this occasion reversed, as Bucks claims four of the Stewards, and £67 12s of the contributions. We are heartily glad to see this innovation, and trust it will be of long continuance. All but ten guineas of the Dorsetshire total is contributed by Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, who, we understand, acted as representative of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 707, Bridport. Durham again follows closely, with £121 15s 6d, a fine effort on the part of this northern Province. We must not forget that its Provincial Grand Master will preside for the Boys on the 29th inst., when, taking the total before us as a criterion, a splendid result may be anticipated. The Eastern Division of South Wales is down for £120, brought up by Bro. Thomas Rowland, and is followed by Norfolk with £111 6s, the joint contribution of two Stewards. Suffolk and Sussex bring to a close this portion of our remarks, the one contributes £107 2s, and the other £105, each being represented by one Steward. The remaining eight Provinces have sent up totals ranging from £99 11s downwards. Taking into consideration the length to which our remarks extended on the last occasion we were engaged on a similar task, we deem it unnecessary to refer at greater length to any of these. We may express our satisfaction to each and all, feeling assured that in every case the Stewards and brethren generally have done their best. We must also express a hope that if any Steward has been overlooked in these short remarks, he will consider the omission an error, rather than a desire on our part to offer any slight to him.

THE MONT DORE, BOURNEMOUTH, AND H.M. THE G.M. OF SWEDEN.

ENGLISH Freemasons must necessarily take a deep interest in all that personally concerns His Majesty Oscar II., of Sweden. In the first place, he is Grand Master of the Craft in that country. In the next place, His Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. of our United Grand Lodge was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the late King of Sweden, and to this fact, of course, we owe it that for the last six years our Fraternity has been making such splendid progress in this country. If there are now 10,000 initiates annually in place of the 2000 who presented themselves ten years ago, we are justified in ascribing this great popularity of the Brotherhood to the wise and genial influence which the late King of Sweden was fortunately in a position to exercise on the mind of our present Chief. For these reasons, then, we have thought that more than a passing sketch of the recent doings at Bournemouth, where the King of Sweden laid the first stone of the "Mont Dore," will be unusually interesting to our readers. It is, indeed, on the cards that but for the concurrence of this event with the consecration at Portsmouth of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge on Wednesday, the 25th ult., the ceremony at Bournemouth, in which the King of Sweden figured as the central personage, might have been carried out with full Masonic honours; but, unlike the late Sir Boyle Roche's bird, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hants and the Isle-of-Wight is not ubiquitous; in other words, it cannot be in two places at one or the same time. Had the consecration of this Lodge been fixed for any other day than the particular Wednesday we have referred to, there is good reason for believing that the King of Sweden would have had the loyal support of his worthy brethren of Hampshire and the adjacent island in the good work so ably inaugurated on the occasion referred to. Be this as it may, there can be no question the Institution, of which His Majesty so recently laid the first stone, is one that is calculated to be of the greatest possible service to a numerous and influential class of people in this country. We may add, too, that it would hardly have been possible to select a better locality than the familiar Hampshire sea-side resort, where healthy people are in the habit of seeking a temporary refuge from the carking cares of life, while invalids go thither in numbers in order to acquire or renew the strength they are so sorely in need of. Hitherto, so far as we are aware, we have had in this country no such kind of establishment as that which is so well known on the Continent as the "Mont Dore." Travelled people are well aware that this is a peculiar, yet, at the same time, a most useful institution. It combines the advantages of a summer and winter residence for those who prefer the Residential Club system to troubling themselves about the cares of household management, or who may be desirous of living "en pension" for a longer or shorter period of time, with all the special conveniences and arrangements for the reception of invalids and persons in delicate health. Such an establishment cannot, we feel well assured, prove otherwise than an immense boon to the public. Moreover, Bournemouth, it is well known, is one of the healthiest sea-side resorts in England. It has a dry soil, is free from fogs and decaying vegetation, and is sheltered from cold winds. It is equally well adapted, as a residence, both for summer and winter, and, what is of the very greatest importance, it is accessible from all parts of the Kingdom. In short, nothing could possibly have been better than the selection of this favourite spot for the erection of so useful an Institution. As to the "Mont Dore" itself, it will be in all respects the exact counterpart of the Establishment in Auvergne, from which it takes its name, and there are satisfactory reasons for believing that it will be an even greater success. In Auvergne the season lasts only from June to September; at Bournemouth it will continue the whole year through. The building itself will accommodate 150 residents. The utmost care will be taken that it shall be well ventilated and warmed. It will be furnished and appointed with everything possible in the way of comfort and luxury in a manner to gratify the most exacting. There will be private sitting-rooms, as well as those intended for residents in common; a handsome Recreation Room for concerts and private entertainments; and in the private gardens attached grounds will be laid out for Bowling, Croquet, Lawn Tennis, and other outdoor recreations of a similar character. A special feature in connection with the "Mont Dore" will be the several kinds of baths so necessary for invalids — the Turkish, Douche, Needle, Plunge, and Pine Baths—the efficacy of which, in cases of rheumatism, or where the lungs or respiratory organs are affected, is so generally admitted by the medical profession. As regards this feature, the Directors of the proposed Establishment have, with a wisdom which does them infinite credit, adopted the recommendations contained in Dr. Dobell's Pamphlet on the "Mont Dore Cure" system, so that they will be in a position to carry it out in the completest possible manner. This, then, in outline, is the Establishment which was started so successfully on Wednesday, the 25th May, under the genial auspices of the King of Sweden.

A few words as to the ceremony of laying the stone must follow as a matter of course. Before adding these, however, we may state that the arrangements in connection with the day's proceedings were of the most satisfactory character. This is the more worthy of special note from the fact that on the Wednesday preceding not one single step in the way of preparation for the ceremony had, or, for sufficient reasons, could have been taken. It was on the spur of the moment, and as it were by inspiration, that the Directors of the proposed Mont Dore bethought themselves of enlisting the sympathy and support of their royal visitors in the good work they had resolved upon. The application to His Majesty was no sooner made than it was entertained. Both the King and his Consort had personally derived the greatest possible benefit from their sojourn at this Hampshire watering-place, whither, indeed, they had tended their steps in the days of their suffering, and with such satisfactory results. In spite, however, of the short time at their disposal, the Committee charged with the arrangements worked so manfully and loyally, that when the eventful day arrived everything was in complete readiness. Bournemouth, too, had made up its mind that the illustrious guests who had honoured them with so lengthened a residence should receive a hearty welcome from all classes. In accordance with this determination, everything was done that could possibly give éclat to the occasion. The town was gaily decorated with all kinds of flags and banners, and floral designs. Committees were formed in order to give proper effect to the wishes of the authorities and their fellow-townspeople, and thanks to the energy shown, the fête, as we have said, proved an unexampled success. On the day itself, the Town Commissioners, the Yeomanry, and the Rifle Volunteers, turned out for the purpose of doing honour to their Majesties. The

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first formality was, as a matter of course, the presentation of the inevitable address, which, it is needless to say, was most graciously received. The King, in person, briefly acknowledged the kindly wishes it contained. The Queen, too, was even more gracious still in her acceptance of a handsome bouquet presented to her by the youthful daughter of Mr. E. Jennings, Chairman of the Commissioners, and these slight but pretty and effective formalities having been observed with all reverence and respect, the procession, headed by the Artillery, marched to the site where the ceremony of the day was to take place, the Yeomanry acting as a Guard of Honour, while the Rifles and the Fire Brigade brought up the rear. In due course the important operation of laying the corner stone was carried out most effectively in a manner that well become the dignity of so Royal and worthy a Mason. The stone was declared to be "well and truly laid," and the band struck up the Swedish National Anthem. A prayer was offered up by Bishop Ryan, and Mr. Bedborough, the Architect, of 18 Abingdon-street, Westminster, having handed to His Majesty for inspection the plans of the proposed building, the ceremony was brought to an end, and the procession moved off to the Town Hall, where their Majesties were entertained at a banquet, supplied in excellent style by Mr. Dartnell, of Southampton, the Hall being most tastefully decorated with floral and other devices, and at the dais end with four gold and silver Masonic emblems. During refreshment the Royal Italian Band played a choice selection of music, and when the cloth was removed, there followed necessarily the array of toasts usual on such occasions. On Dr. Alfred Meadows, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Mont Dore Company, who, in that capacity presided at the fête, devolved the very agreeable duty of proposing the health of His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway and of his Royal Consort, and this the learned Doctor did most gracefully and efficiently. When the applause which followed had subsided, His Majesty, who spoke our language most fluently, rose and returned thanks in the following terms :—

Ladies and Gentlemen,—I to beg express my most sincere and deeply felt thanks for the toast which you have so kindly proposed for me, the Queen, and my family; and in return I beg to propose a toast, "the Welfare of Bournemouth." Ladies and Gentlemen, long before I came here amongst you, I heard that Bournemouth was considered to be a comparatively new place, but from what I know now I see that it is a rising place. When the Queen came here in the month of January, in the midst of a winter which was, as you all know, everywhere exceptionally hard, she came in order to recover strength after long years of severe suffering, and she was immediately struck with the charm of this place. She found here not only a quiet and comfortable home, but she found the softness of the air and the mildness of the climate with few exceptions, the dryness of the soil, and that charming evergreen which to northern eyes has so great a value. When she returned with me a few months later, we both had occasion to appreciate in a still higher degree the merits of this place which she already had found. It was now spring time, and the sun stood higher in a pure sky and shone glittering on the waves, casting its light on the cliffs of the Isle of Wight, and on this place behind the high cliffs of which there were gardens with rich flowering rhododendrons, and other flowers spreading their blossom. We found there just what we wished for and desired, and we spent a quiet and happy time. We found also, what we scarcely had dared to hope—kindness and greeting from every one since the first day we came amongst you. For this we feel very grateful. It is not only the reception to-day which has touched the Queen and myself, but the kindness which has been shown to us from the first moment we came amongst you. Certainly we shall never forget this place, but ever will we with the greatest interest hear of its prosperity and welfare. Ladies and Gentleman, pray accept the toast which I propose, "the Welfare of Bournemouth."

Other toasts followed, among them being those of the Ladies, the Clergy, the Chairman, Dr. Meadows, &c., and the last mentioned having been duly acknowledged the company rose and dispersed, His Majesty the King being loudly cheered as he left the Hall.

We must not omit to add that the scheme which has thus been set on foot so satisfactorily, has already secured the very best wishes of a large number of the ablest medical practitioners in England, who all anticipate from it a most brilliant success. Those desirous of learning the particulars of this testimony, and other details connected with the Bournemouth Mont Dore and the Company of which it is the property, should apply to Mr. T. C. Pocock, the Secretary, at the Offices, 18 Abingdon Street, Westminster. This gentleman has laboured most enthusiastically in the cause, and it is not too much to say that a very great part of the success which attended the ceremony we have described was entirely due to his exertions.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on 26th ultimo, at Freemasons' Hall. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided. At the opening of the proceedings, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C. wished to ask the opinion of the Chairman on the subject of a circular sent out by Bro. Thomas Massa, the concluding paragraph of which reflected on the late Grand Treasurer, who was also Treasurer of the Institution. The late Grand Treasurer died before the disputes arose between the House Committee and Bro. Massa, and therefore he could have no connection with them. Was it decent or Masonic that these references to the deceased brother should be constantly made, printed in circulars, and sent round to the whole of the Craft? The subject was a very painful one, but he (Brother Woodford) felt bound to refer to it, and he again asked the Chairman whether, in his opinion, it was decent or Masonic on the part of the Brother to make these disparaging references to the late Grand Treasurer. The Chairman said, as his opinion had been asked, he must say it was not only indecent and un-Masonic, but it was blackguardly. The word was a strong one, but it was not too strong under the circumstances. Bro. Massa rose to make some observations, but the Chairman directed the business on the agenda paper to be proceeded with. After the examination of some petitions for the October Quarterly Court, the election of the House Committee was proceeded with. Late in the evening the following brethren were declared to have been duly elected:—Long 140 votes, Mather 140, Nunn 140, Rucker 139, Peters 138, Smith 138, Hammerton 137, Richardson 137, Tattershall 137, Letchworth 136, Hope 135, and Dubois 134.

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THE TWO SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Some words of mine in the response I made at the recent Anniversary Festival have not escaped the mildly disparaging notice of the Editor of the—whether duly accredited, or self-constituted, at all events recognised—organ of the Girls' School. In the columns of that admirably-conducted and influential periodical, week by week for a very long time past, have appeared notices of the sister Institution, in which, in eulogising the Committee, Executive, Management, Results, &c., the vocabulary of superlatives has been well nigh exhausted, until laudation culminated lately in describing it as "unique." There is but *one* Institution, and *I* am its Prophet. Now, on what grounds a devotee, worshipping the god of his idolatry with an intensity verging on the loss of self-consciousness, can find fault with a reasoning and reasonable homage to a shrine other than that to which his orisons are addressed, is what I cannot understand, and in this instance I certainly shall not take the trouble to inquire, though I have little doubt the solution could easily be found. I am quite prepared to admit that "Bro. Binckes was" (and is) "pleased to describe the Boys' School as the most deserving of the Masonic Institutions," but I am not so foolish as to believe that he will win *universal* assent to his views, nor am I egotistical or ungenerous enough to find fault with brethren who differ from them. If those who assume to themselves the position of "men of light and leading" manifest their unwisdom in lauding to the skies the peculiar object of their blind partiality, and in censuring that which others equally value, or in ignoring—it may be passing over in contemptuous indifference—merits they are unable to recognise, but which are highly appreciated by many whose powers of discrimination are at least on a par with their own, can they wonder if utterances are provoked which, in their narrow-minded view, are impertinent and unseemly. It is the last straw which breaks the back of the much-enduring beast of burden, and there are amongst us many who have borne cheerfully and long the beat and burden of the day who are not prepared to regard with equanimity the weakly sentimentalities with which the reading portion of the Masonic world is rapidly becoming nauseated.

A vigorous, manly tone of honest criticism or comparison no one can object to, but I do hope to see an end of the æsthetic effeminacy into which, as it appears to me, there is a tendency in some quarters to drift. Asking for extended sympathy and practical support in behalf of the ensuing Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

London, 30th May 1881.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are the medicine most in repute for curing the multifarious maladies which attack humanity, when wet and cold weather gives place to more genial temperatures. In short, these Pills afford relief, if they fail of being an absolute remedy in all the disturbances of circulation, digestion, and nervous energy, which at times oppress a vast portion of the population. Under the wholesome, purifying, and strengthening powers exerted by these excellent Pills, the tongue becomes clean, the appetite improves, digestion is quickened, and assimilation rendered perfect. Holloway's medicine possesses the highly estimable property of cleansing the whole mass of blood, which, in its renovated condition, carries purity, strength, and vigour to every tissue of the body.

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TA ΣΙΓΗΤΑ.

A Lecture on the Royal Arch Tracing Boards, Signs and Symbols of the Royal Arch, and Banners of the Twelve Tribes (with illustrations), delivered by FRANCIS BURNAND DAVIDSON, *Ex. Past J. 326, E. 390, E.C., before the Zetland Chapter of Australia, No. 390, E.C., being the Senior and Holy Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Sydney, N.S.W.*

MOST EXCELLENT,

EXCELLENT COMPANIONS, AND

COMPANIONS,

I commence this evening by handing round a large octavo sketch-book containing three water coloured drawings, or illustrations; two partly taken from English designs, and one, like the first of the series, symbolical, but wholly original. All have "mottoes," or "texts" (illustrative quotations) which I have carefully selected; and these being in Greek, Latin, Hebrew, Arabic, and other languages, are designed to mystify the beholder, and duly impress on his mind my egotism, learning, and so forth; but I intend to translate them as I go on for your edification.

Without any further preface, therefore, the Latin on the first Picture or Illustration—the one commencing * "Ecce mysterium vobis dico; in momento, in ictu oculi"—simply means:—"Behold I show you a mystery,"—"In a moment"—"In the twinkling of an eye." The drawing roughly, but aptly, illustrates or represents the ruins of an ancient temple, or of some such magnificent building, in a great city;—you may perceive the broken columns, and the fallen capitals of a series of beautiful pillars. Nearly in the centre is an open cavity, from which three key or cope-stones—which are lying beside the opening—appear to have been drawn. You will perceive also a life line, and the working tools of a Royal Arch Mason lying near. The three keystones—the Law and the Prophets, and T.S.W. The working tools and life-line are lively images to recall to your minds how that S.W. is said to have been recovered. In the lower half of the picture is a section showing, beneath the surface of the earth, as you may observe, the semblance of a groined cavern geometrically constructed; a Royal Arch—a hollowed vaulted recess, *built* in the solid rock. This is clearly shown in the right and left foreground of the drawings. The flooring is evidently formed of mystic squares of black and white marble. In the centre of a double circle, containing the twelve signs of the Zodiac;—with a double equilateral triangle; and in front of a scroll (not shown) stands an altar of incense—a double cube—closely veiled with a blue covering. All these I will illustrate in detail hereafter, if time will permit of it. It is only essential I should now observe that the rays from Heaven fall with their benign influence through the aperture, shedding Divine light on the surface of the altar and the Sacred Scroll. The height of the sun on that memorable day—supposed to be here figuratively or emblematically recorded—is said to have been 58° in the heavens, which formed an angle of the same dimensions with the horizon of that latitude, and by this representation in our chapters we are enabled to convey a more lasting impression to the minds of our candidates of certain discoveries we have made in this, our R.A. With such emblems around us it seems impossible to forget the moral lessons they are intended to convey. Do they not complete the lesson taught at our first introduction into Masonry; veneration for the Deity, kindness, respect, and assistance to the brethren; and regard to the four cardinal virtues in our own persons? Practising these duties with fidelity we shall be blessed; be truly R.A.M., heirs to an immortal heritage into possession of which the great I AM, THAT I AM, will bid us enter; as into a celestial mansion veiled from mortal eyes; where peace, and order, and harmony, eternally preside.

Most Excellent and Companions,—Let me solicit your kind forbearance, patience, and lenient judgment. Turn over to the next illustration. The Four Hebrew letters on the top are: M.C.B.I.—*Mi, Camoka, Baelim, Jehova?*—"Who among the gods is like unto thee, O Jehovah?"—the Initial Letters of which celebrated sentence are said to have been engraven on the Standard of the "Machabees"—from which they derived their glorious name. Below the Four Hebrew letters by which the brave Asmonean Princes so proclaimed the unapproachable Majesty of God, are the Letters *Alpha* and *Omega*—the *first* and *last* letters of the Greek alphabet—expressing *figuratively* the measureless Eternity of the Supreme Being.

Between the Alpha and Omega, and on either side below those Mystical Letters, runs a Text in the Latin Language—descriptive of the Four Leading or Principal Standards of Israel (shown in the sketch beneath), each one under a Special Heavenly Protection around the Throne of God, as repeatedly referred to in the Sacred Books: "And the First Animal was like a Lion (*Judah*), and the Second Animal was like a Young Bullock (*Ephraim*), and the Third Animal had the Face of a Man (*Reuben*),† and the Fourth Animal was like a Flying Eagle (*Dan*)."‡ Between the Four Leading Standards is the Banner of the Supreme, of White and Gold; having thereon the Triple Tau in the Triangle enclosed in a Circle—surmounted by a celestial Crown, and rising out of a Crown over that Tabernacle in which we and our Fathers have worked and worshipped. In the upper corners of the Illustration are two opposite Texts: one (to the left) in *Greek*, and one (to the right) in *Latin*. The Greek Text is as follows: "This is a very great mystery, but as we delivered it to you, so we received it from our Fathers, and we know that their testimony is true." The Latin Text is as follows: "I know thy works. Lo, I have set before thee an open door, which no man can shut. Because thou hast a little virtue, and hast kept My Word, and hast not denied My Name. But I have somewhat against thee."

In the frame (as it were) of the sketch is (also in Latin) this significant injunction, and most seasonable warning:—"Arise and measure the Temple of God, and the Altar, and those that worship thereat; but of the Court-yard which is outside of the Temple make no special reckoning, for it is given up to the Gentiles"—*to those outsiders whom it is not for us to judge.*

And along the arch of the Picture is yet another text, in the Latin Tongue: "*The Lion of Judah, the Root of David Conquers; open the Book, and Let* them go free!" At the base of the whole of this picture—in the central portion of which the sacred mysteries of the Royal Arch are symbolically portrayed—are these words, in the Greek language:—"Ginōskeis anagiuōskeis?" "*Dost thou understand what thou readest?*" This, it will be remembered, was the punning, epigrammatical question put by Philip to the Ethiopian, when he found him reading the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. These mysteries are so profound and exalted, that they can be comprehended only by those who are enlightened. I shall not therefore attempt to speak of what is most admirable in them; remembering that a perfect knowledge of this degree can only be obtained by passing through the chairs of J., H., and Z.; the secrets of which are kept separate and distinct, but accessible to every worthy Companion who has ever been Master of a Lodge—the laudable object of ambition of every worthy Mason. The symbols and ornaments which are displayed are as nearly as possible a bird's-eye view of this august Sanhedrim—now sitting—with this exception, that the Companions are not represented therein, otherwise than by the banners. This is done the better to show the arrangement and form of the H.R. Arch. These symbols and ornaments, together with our present forms and ceremonies, trace their origin as far back as the Building of the Second Temple. The Grand Lodge of Scotland assert that the H.R.A. (this degree) is not part of Ancient Freemasonry. But the English book of Constitutions [edit. 1873, page 16, and former eds.] *still* expressly recognizes it as part of the third degree, "which includes the Royal Arch," and as did the Lodge of Reconciliation in 1813; and certainly as early as 1744 it was in existence, but conferred only on Masters of Lodges. The Chapter is it seems approached by seven steps, apparently the 7 steps of a M.M. The form of a R.A.C. is oblong, eastern end curved to represent an arch (a catenarian arch* in this degree) in which the thrones of the 3 principals represent the cope or key-stones to preserve a memory of the vaulted shrine in which K.S. deposited the S.W. The H.R.A. is intended to impress on our minds the providential means by which a knowledge of the truth (without fresh revelations) was restored by a series of important discoveries, after all traces of V.S.L. had been swept away by Nebuchadnezzar, at the destruction of Jerusalem, six hundred years before the Christian era. The knowledge of the law and worship of I AM having been retained by tradition only among the remnant of God's ancient people—exiles and captives—in the midst of an idolatrous nation, practising a splendid superstition (with all the adjuncts which despotism could devise to render it impressing and attractive) and in the ceremonials of which God's chosen race were compelled to join. But under all these distressing, depressing circumstances (a sect among a few) Masonry retained the memory of the True and Living God Most High and orally transmitted the substituted secrets of a M.M. to their children's children till time and circumstances (in manner now revealed) restored the genuine ones. The flooring of a R.A.C. is variegated or chequered black and white. *Black*, the colour of affliction, in allusion to their annihilation as a nation—their captivity and their slavery; and *White*, the colour of innocence, the symbol of absolute truth, denoting their purity, inspiring hope and joy. This flooring is surrounded by a tessalated border, and further symbolizes the antagonism of life and death in the spiritual and material states. The next thing that attracts our attention is V.S.L. open on a crimson cushion with gold tassels. Without a full acknowledgment of the truths contained in that Holy and S.V. no one can penetrate the veil within the sanctuary. On the left hand, or N. side, you will observe the square and compasses. The uses of the Bible, Square and Compasses are sufficiently explained in the previous degrees, and at our instruction meetings. On the right, S. side, you will observe the sword and the trowel in Saltier in form of letter X. A Saltier in heraldry is a cross with two feet (as if in the act of leaping). The energy of the application of the term is very expressive; the sword and trowel having been adopted by R.A.M. to commemorate the valour of those worthy brethren who carried on the building of the Second Temple A.L. 3469, with a trowel in their hand and a sword by their side, that they might be ever ready to defend the holy sanctuary against any attacks of its enemies:—whence we derive this moral—that, next to a cheerful obedience to all lawfully constituted

* 1 Corinthians xv. chapter, part of 51st and 52nd verses.

† The exact identity of the Leading Standards of Dan and of Reuben is disputed. I shall treat of this hereafter.

‡ Vide Apocalypse iv. 7, Numbers ii. 3, 10, 18, 25—and Ezekiel i. 10.

* The catenarian curve or arch reversed is that which a rope forms by its own weight when *stretched*.

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authorities, is a manly resistance to all lawless violence. Hence, by a determined adherence to this great social duty in R.A.M., we preserve our constitutional landmarks from the floods of tyranny and official despotism. Proceeding eastward you may observe the tools of a R.A.M.; certain tools of manual labour; and a scroll. These are the Pickaxe; the Crowbar; and the Shovel; with the Roll, or Scroll, supposed to be written in an ancient language, and to contain the Sacred Law (or Bible). As mechanical instruments, the pickaxe is used to loosen the earth; the crowbar is to make purchases; and the shovel is to clear away the loosened earth and rubbish. These we spiritualise as follows: The sound of the stroke of the pickaxe reminds us of the sound of the last trumpet, when the graves shall be shaken open—shall be loosened and shall deliver up their dead. The crow being the emblem of uprightness alludes to the erect manner in which the spirit will arise on that awful day to meet its Divine Judge, its great and terrible Maker; the great tremendous, and merciful I AM. The shovel reminds us of the manner in which the remains of our mortal bodies are put away from sight when properly disposed of in the grave; which incites an involuntary hope that the spirit may thence arise with firm but humble faith of being (through His mercy) endowed with everlasting bliss. The scroll of sacred law reminds us of the tradition which we have preserved from time immemorial that the sacred ark—the book of the law and the prophets, involving certain facts unknown to the world, was removed from the most Holy Place, under Masonic direction, and so deposited as to escape that overwhelming destruction which swept away the whole land of Judea. It was deposited in a place of security at the building of K.S.T., and supposed to be irrecoverably lost at the destruction of that Temple, together with the Sacred Name of God Himself, when the veil of the Temple was rent, when darkness covered the earth; when consternation reigned; when the stars disappeared; when the implements of Masonry were lost; the lamp of day darkened; the cubical stone sweated blood and water; and in the dim night of dark despair only phantoms appeared. Then was the Sacred and Mysterious Word lost; and it remained so until time and circumstances, during the Babylonish Captivity, caused them to be (accidentally as some have thought) discovered, at the building of the second Temple. From these traditions we learn where, and under what circumstances, these secrets, with the Sacred Word, and the Book of the Sacred Law, were found. The very name of Holy Royal Arch has a significant allusion (well understood by every Companion in this august Sanhedrim now sitting). The very foundation of the degrees rest on these facts. Some say that when the idolatrous Manassah ascended the throne of Judah the Sacred Writings were hidden away; to preserve the Book from the rude hands of infidelity and violence, and remained in its place of security until found by Hilkiah. And then again that towards the close of the reign of Josiah; he foreseeing the wickedness and idolatry of his son (and successor), again hid away in a place of security the V.S.L., through the hands and instrumentality of Huldah the prophetess. But all agree that it *was lost* before the destruction of the Temple, and discovered by Ezra, Zerubbabel, and their associated brethren in the removal of the ruins of the Old Temple preparatory to the creation of the New.

Beyond these symbols, and on the centre of the raised circle, which is double, we observe two intersecting equilateral triangles. A symbol which excites awe and astonishment to the contemplating and inquiring mind of the noviciate. A double circle, with an embossed border enclosing a double equilateral triangle, is an emblem of vast significance; and may be traced amongst all religions in the known world. This emblem has been found in the caves of Elephanta, on the great image of the Deity; at Ghuznee, in the wall of the Temple; in Normandy, and in Brittany, on medallions; on the breasts of ancient Knight Templars, as they lie in recumbent attitudes in their Priories; in Christian Cathedrals; on the gates of Somnauth; in the Moorish Harem, in Western Barbary; in the Jewish Synagogue; and in innumerable monuments of bygone ages. A brass frame, in the shape of two intersecting triangles, has been found, used as a chandelier, in the palace of an Eastern Moslem; and it is said to represent the seal of King Solomon; as well amongst many ancient Eastern nations; as in many temples of Hebrew worshippers, in which may be seen, in front of a recess, where the sacred roll is to be deposited; a gigantic lamp or glass tumbler—a glory; in the centre of a brazen frame; a double triangle; Solomon's seal. With the Jew it referred to the Sephiroth; with the Moslem to the Deity and his Prophet, with the Christian to the Creator as Mediator working out the redemption of mankind, and was typical of his two natures, human and divine. It was found in all permanent Christian works in the early ages; and still exists in the pain ed windows of Collegiate and Christian Churches in England, and in Continental edifices, and in the paintings of Egypt—there signifying the known and the unknown; the apparent and the hidden mysteries; the initiated and uninitiated of Osiris. It was to the Pythagorean the symbol of health, the emblem of the elements—of fire and water; of prayer and of remission; of petition and blessing; of creation and redemption; of life and death; of resurrection and judgment. On the circumference of the circle are placed three brass candlesticks; three great luminaries in a triangular form, and, at the intersections of the triangles, three lesser ones. The three large lights refer to the sacred *Logos*, and are expressive of triune essence: of His creating, preserving and destroying power, as the Creator, Redeemer, and Judge of mankind. In the three *lesser* we symbolise three Masonic virtues—Virtue, Honour and Mercy—three divine attributes; and the lights of the law and the prophets; the patriarchal, mosaical and prophetical dispensations; as each of the lesser intersect the lines formed by two of the greater triangle they geometrically divide the greater triangle, in the centre, into three lesser triangles at their extremities; and, by their union, form a fourth triangle in the centre—within which is the altar of incense—in the form of a double cube of pure virgin marble. The cube is the symbol of human wisdom and moral perfection. The New Jerusalem (promised in the Apocalypse) is equal in height, length and breadth. The double cube is an emblem of divine wisdom. Its face is veiled from observation by a white veil, emblematical of that purity of heart and rectitude of conduct which should guard our secrets from profanation, and which is essential to obtain admission to the sacred secrets of the Sanctum Sanctorum, but certain mystic characters are visible on its plinth, and as we progress in knowledge we hope to penetrate the mysteries of that veil. Further east, we see a throne elevated on a dais with three steps; having a superb and royal canopy, composed of three Masonic colours; the purple implies awe and reverence; the blue, truth and constancy; the crimson, justice tempered with mercy. The inferences to be drawn therefrom are too obvious now to be dilated on. Blue, purple, and crimson are the colours of this royal canopy. Symbolism distinguishes three blue colours, one of which emanates from red; another from white; and the third is allied to black. *Blue* is frequently distinguished by different gradations of colour, and sometimes confounded in one alone. *Blue*, says a Chinese commentator, is a colour formed of black and red mixed together. The colour of Heaven is blue. It is the ju and the jang re-united in one. The active and passive principle; the male and the female; the obscure and the brilliant. Pauthier, in the Tao Te King, Philosophy of the Hindoos, says, "All corporeal beings and things are produced by incomprehensible nature, emanating from *Tao* (blue), and *Blue* is the origin of all subtile natures. *Blue*, emanating from red, represents the ethereal fire. It signifies the celestial love of truth. In the mysteries it relates to the baptism of fire. The *Blue*, emanating from white, indicates the truth of faith, the living waters of the Bible, the baptism of the spirit. And *Blue*, allied to black, conducts us back to cosmogony. To the spirit of God moving on the surface of the waters. To chaos. To natural baptism. *Blue* is an emblem of friendship and benevolence, and teaches us that, in the mind of a R.A. Mason, those virtues should be as expansive as the blue arch of heaven itself. These three aspects of the same colour correspond with the three principal degrees of antient initiation, and it (blue) is the characteristic colour of our present symbolic degrees, which are commonly designated as *blue* Masonry. *Purple* is produced by a due mixture of blue and scarlet. It teaches us to cultivate and improve that spirit of harmony between Craft Masons and the Companions of this Holy and Sublime Degree which should ever distinguish the members of a society founded on the principles of everlasting truth and universal philanthropy. *Crimson*, or more properly speaking scarlet (twice dyed, in the blood of the Murex, a fossil genus of shells), is emblematical of fervency and zeal; and is the appropriate colour of the Royal Arch Degree. It admonishes us to be fervent in our devotions to God, and zealous in our endeavours to promote the happiness of men. This canopy is fringed and tasselled with gold, and surmounted by a crown, out of which springs the staff of a white banner charged with a triangle within a circle including |T|. As you were told, when exalted to this holy and sublime degree, in the days of Pythagoras the triangle was esteemed the most sacred of emblems, and when an obligation of more than usual importance was administered it was universally given in a triangle; and when so taken none were ever known to violate it. The Egyptians termed it the sacred number, or number of perfection; and so highly did the antients esteem the figure that it became among them an object of worship as the great principle of animated existence. They gave it the name of God, and affirmed that it represented the animal, vegetable and mineral creation. The |T| forms 2 right angles, on each of the exterior lines, and another at the centre by their union; for the three angles of each triangle are equal to 2 right angles. I have endeavoured to avoid in this paper repeating any parts of the ceremonial, but these two allusions are perhaps unavoidable. Beneath the canopy in the illustration are 3 sceptres arranged in a triangular form. 1 sceptre is surmounted by a crown; 1 by a mitre; 1 by the All-seeing Eye, alluding to the regal, prophetical and sacerdotal offices. These sceptres are worn in our Chapters by the 3 Principals Z., H., J., who sit in the three thrones on the dais under the royal canopy, the secrets of all of which chairs were, are, and ever ought to be, conferred in a peculiar manner appropriate to each. On each side of the floorcloth are a series of banners, which I will more particularly explain. The designs blazoned on these banners (*mounted on staves*) formed the distinctive bearings of the 12 tribes of Israel, figurative of the peculiar blessings bequeathed to each by the Patriarch Jacob, who assembled them together for that purpose when he was dying. When Moses was ordered to go down to Egypt to deliver his brethren, he asked for a sign, and was ordered to cast down his rod, or staff, which immediately became a serpent, and Moses fled from it. By divine command, however, he put forth his hand, picked it up, and it resumed its form. This is said by some to be the origin of our R.A. staves and it is a favourite sign among R.A.M.'s of Ireland; and America too, for that matter. They are very fond of testing a brother by throwing down a walking (or other) stick, and observing how he will pick it up. It is also a password and sign with the veils, which, however, have been abolished in English Chapters for 55 years. On the top of these staves are the banners of the 12 tribes, which we use for many purposes, especially to commemorate the great wonders wrought for the children of Israel during their travels in the wilderness where they were first set up as standards around their encampment, about which each tribe assembled in due form. The devices on the banners are emblematical of what should and would (in their future ages) happen to the posterity of each tribe. I will come back to them directly. In the extreme E., and on either side of the white one, are four other principal standards (or banners), every one of which has its particular motto, or distinct sign described on it. When the Israelites marched through the wilderness we find that the 12 tribes had between them these 4 banners or standards. They encamped round about the tabernacle. On the E. side were three tribes under the standard of Judah; on the W. were three tribes, under the standard of Ephraim; on the S. were three tribes, under the standard of Reuben; and on the N. were three tribes, under the standard of Dan. The standard of *Judah* was a lion; the standard of *Reuben* a man; of *Ephraim* an

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ox; of *Dan* an eagle. These devices gave an origin to the hieroglyphics of the Cherubim and Seraphim, unitedly representing the Children of Israel. Each tribe was distinguished by a banner charged with a device. Each standard was of a different colour, according to that of the precious stone on which the name of it was engraven, that was placed in the breast-plate of the high priest, and on each standard their symbol was placed, therefore paintings were evidently not forbidden in those days. In the Holy Temple K.S. made 12 oxen under the brazen sea, and in his own house or palace K.S. placed 12 carved lions on the steps of his splendid throne. The standard was the common banner under which every three of the 12 tribes were united; besides which (as I have before reminded you) each of the 12 tribes had its own separate ensign or banner, as depicted on this tracing board, and as you see around these walls disposed in their order by notation in Arabic. The distance of the camp of Israel from the tabernacle was 2,000 cubits. In this space the priests, or Levites, pitched their tents, as a protection to the tabernacle. I should like here to read to you the 49th chapter of Genesis. More sublime language there is not in that Holy Book, even in Isaiah or any of the Prophets. Those who appreciate sublime language can read it at home. I will here content myself with alluding to the fact that the Patriarch Jacob, in blessing his sons, and describing the future habits of the people, and communicating to them that series of predictions, said he had read in the heavens the destiny of their posterity, which gave rise to Albertus Magnus and his followers calling the heavens "The Universal Book," full of information by the various configurations of the stars; and to their implicit belief that *there* might be distinctly foreseen the secret fortunes of individuals whose time of birth had been correctly registered. This secret belief is not really yet extinguished universally; but men do not now so openly acknowledge it. There were astrologers in those days. These four superior banners bore the component parts of the *cherubic symbol* of the Deity, who accompanied and afforded protection to the host, in the sacred pillar of cloud and of fire. Under each of these great banners the four principal divisions were managed; the standard of *Judah* was borne by *Nahshon*, its Prince. It was charged with a lion *couchant*, surmounted by a golden crown and sceptre; because from this tribe the Messiah—the King of Kings, the Prince of Peace, the Lion of the tribe of Judah was destined to spring. The colour of this banner was crimson or scarlet. To the tribe of Judah was assigned the most honourable station in the camp, viz., in the E. According to the ancient belief of the Jews the East was the front, or forepart of the world; and hence standing in the *East* they worship God by praying with their faces towards the West. Christian priests do so now. Under the standard of Judah in the E., before the entrance of the tabernacle, the tribes of Issachar and Zebulon pitched their tents, because they were all the children of Leah; and, consequently, united in a mutual bond of consanguinity. *The banner of Issachar* was borne by the standard bearer of *Prince Nathaniel*. It was *sky blue*, and (according to best authorities) was charged with a strong ass crouching between two burdens. The ass is a patient animal, and a proper symbol of labour. Accordingly the posterity of Issachar sat down quietly on the land allotted to them, and cultivated with diligence and assiduity. Instead of employing themselves in war or mercantile pursuits, they were lovers of peace and quietness. The act of the ass crouching between its burdens was an apposite symbol of the indolent character of this tribe; who preferred submission to every species of tyranny and oppression rather than the trouble of asserting their natural civil and social rights in the field of battle. Just like the true quadruped ass, which though a sturdy, strong, and hardy animal, sinks tamely under heavy burdens; though it could easily, by the exercise of its bodily strength shake off and get free from them. The geographical position of the territory taken up by this tribe in the Land of Promise was also perhaps hereby alluded to. According to some authorities, however, the banner of Issachar was charged with a sun and a moon, and several ancient Rabbins are inclined to patronise this opinion. Prince Elish erected the banner of Zebulon. It was purple, and bore for its characteristic *a ship*. Thus the principal quarter of the camp was marked by the standard of the three royal colours, blue, purple, and crimson.

The south side of the camp (being the next honourable post) was occupied by the tribes of *Reuben*, *Simeon*, and *Gad*, who were brothers (by Leah and Zilpah her handmaiden). The device on the great banner of this division, which was borne by *Prince Eleizus*, was another of the cherubic forms—namely—*a man*, because Reuben was the firstborn of his father. The excellency of his "dignity and power;" the prerogatives of the first born, which Reuben would certainly have enjoyed, according to his just claim, if he had not forfeited them by his offences. Jacob prophesied that he should not excel by reason of his instability. He predicted of him, "unstable as water, thou shalt not excel;" that, as water, by a natural propensity, inherent in its substance, flows from its source, in an elevated situation, to a place that is lower than itself, so should Reuben fall from his birthright, and subside into an inferior situation among the tribes. And this prophecy was remarkably verified; for nothing great or praiseworthy has been recorded respecting the posterity of *Reuben*. They were inferior in numerical strength to the other tribes; and yet the pre-eminent leadership was given to *Judah*, and because nothing great or honourable is recorded of his tribe, some think that the device upon his banner was the mandrake (mán. drá. go. rá.) a narcotic plant, the subject of many fables. The tribe of Levi was separated from the congregation of Israel to be devoted exclusively to the service of the altar (Numbers viii. 6.34.) They had a maintenance assigned to them out of the public stock. They had no settled inheritance, even in the Land of Canaan; they were exempted from taxes, tribute, war, and all public duties; they were not even numbered among the people. They were set apart entirely for a particular and peculiar duty of greater honour and sanctity. There were *three degrees* to be taken before they could be allowed to perform the services of the tabernacle. The first was initiation; the second, consecration; the third, admission to duty. At fifty years of age their labours were to cease, and their declining years were spent in instructing the younger Levites. That the colour of the banner of this division should have been red, is a matter of surprise to many; because Reuben was not a warlike tribe, and in the popular language of every nation, red (the colour of blood) was the emblem of combat. *Prince Shelumiel*, as the leader of the tribe of *Simeon*, bore a yellow banner, emblazoned with a city, as some assert; others say a tower, in reference to the tower of Shechem, but more generally accepted authorities are in favour of the sword, the implement used by the progenitor of the tribe in the barbarous slaughter of the Shechemites. In this tracing board Simeon and Levi are represented on the banner. The former by the sword, the latter by the dagger—as instruments of warfare used by them. The dying Patriarch expressed his abhorrence of the numerous murders committed by them under the assurance of kindness and good faith; and he lamented the violent passions of these two of his sons, formally denouncing them in these words—"accursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel. I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel." The tribe of Levi was entirely lost among the other tribes, and the tribe of Simeon had little or no possessions in the Promised Land, but dwelt in the midst of Judah. Some of them wandered as far as Mount Leir, and the deserts of Gideon. Having been associated in wickedness, supreme providence ordained that their posterity should be disunited, that no opportunity should be afforded them of working evil upon the brethren, as did their progenitors. The banner of the tribe of Gad was under the charge of Prince Eliasaph. *Gad* signifies a *troop*. Jacob foretold the difficulties that would oppose the progress of Gad's posterity, and the hostility of their neighbours; but that, though doomed to be sometimes overcome, yet, in the end, they would overcome all difficulties. This prediction was also amply verified. They established themselves firmly and peaceably in the portion allotted to them (a country beyond Jordan); and although for some time they were necessarily exposed to the incursions of the Ammonites and suffered severely, yet ultimately they overcame them through the military talents of the renowned Gileaditish general Jephtha, who also afterwards defeated the Ephraimites, and furnished us with the password of the second degree. The banner is white, and charged with a troop of *horsemen*, according to the best authorities. But, again, they vary. *De Loutherbourg*, in his famous picture of the Twelve Standards of Israel, has charged it with a field *semée* of stars, whilst the title-page frontispiece to Barker's Bible, printed in 1634, or 243 years ago, represents it by a flag. The third side of the camp was occupied by the half-tribe of *Ephraim*, united with those of *Manasseh* and *Benjamin*, all of whom were descended from *Rachel*; *Ephraim* and Manasseh, though only grandchildren of Jacob, taking the precedence of his own children, in consequence of the blessing of the dying Patriarch. *Ephraim* stepped into the inheritance of his father *Joseph*, and was elevated into one of the leading tribes of Israel. The ancients said *Joseph* is a *fruitful bough*, growing by a well-watered soil, and shooting forth *two luxuriant* branches; thus referring us to the *banner* of the tribes of *Ephraim* and *Manasseh*, and the predictions fulfilled in their pre-eminence. Of *Joseph* it was said, "the archers sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him" (in reference to the persecutions of his brethren, who afterwards sold him into Egypt, and to the false accusation by which he was thrown into prison). He has been represented as armed with a bow; his abode being in strength, and the arms of his hands made strong by the mighty God. He triumphed over all his enemies, and rose to the highest state of worldly prosperity. Ephraim stepped into the inheritance of his father *Joseph*, and was elevated into one of the leading tribes of Israel. *His banner (green)* was borne by *Prince Elishua*, and consecrated with the figure of a cherubic emblem of the Deity (an ox), which denotes patience, industry, strength. In Tyre an ox was the symbol of the city. In Egypt the soul of Osiris was believed to have migrated into a bull; and the sacred Apis was considered as a beautiful representation of the soul of the Deity. The figure of a bull, as a symbol of vigour, watchfulness, and fidelity, was frequently employed by the ancients in the construction of their mystical emblems. The fable of *Jason's golden fleece* guarded by brazen-footed bulls was grounded on a tradition of the cherubim, which, with flaming swords, were placed at the eastern gates of Paradise, (Psalm lx. 7.) "Ephraim is the strength of my head," said Jehovah in the Psalms.

Prince *Gamaliel* led the tribe of *Manasseh*. Their tents were pitched under a *flesh-coloured banner*, which was charged with a *luxuriant vine, planted by the side of a wall which its tendrils overhung*. But again we notice a variation in the description of ancient authorities, some describing this banner as charged with a *unicorn*, and others as with a *palm-tree* depicted thereon. The reasons are not very obvious, and I need not delay to point them out. *Abidan* the *Prince* bore the banner of the tribe of *Benjamin*, of that there is no dispute; it was a *green banner*, emblazoned with a *wolf*. The tribe of Benjamin were ever a fierce and warlike people—a bellicose and cruel sept; giving battle, single handed, to all the other tribes, and even overcoming them in battle. Saul (who possessed great military talents) sprang from this tribe, and both he and his sons were slain in battle. You may recollect that Jacob was ever notoriously fond of his younger son *Benjamin*; indeed, he was his pet and favourite; yet, in his patriarchal dispensation of blessings under Divine inspiration, Jacob neither secured nor conferred any peculiar blessings for or upon Benjamin or his posterity, he merely describes him and his descendants as fierce and warlike.

The *fourth* and last quarter of the camp was assigned to Dan. *Dan* was the largest tribe next to *Judah*, and it was for this reason probably that it was placed in the rear: so that the most numerous portions of the host formed the *front* and *rear* guards (as they may be termed) of the allied army; for, as in the present day—however bitter and warlike amongst themselves—the Jews unite, as allies, against all foreign interests. With *Dan* were associated the two remaining tribes *Asher* and *Napthali* (the sons of the two concubines, Bilhah and Zilpah). The great banner was borne by *Prince Ahiezer*.

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It was of *bright green*, and charged with a *golden eagle*; a component part of the cherubim, denoting wisdom and sublimity; which emblem was afterwards adopted as the insignia of Egypt, of Rome, France, Prussia, Russia, and other European nations, and I think we have heard of one or two in America. There is no doubt that this device was the proper and appropriate decoration of the standard of the 4th grand division. The word *Dan* signifies *judging*, "Dan shall judge his people;" but whether it was the special banner of *Dan* admits of some dispute. Universal history (from Reyberus) attributes to Dan a banner with an eagle bearing a serpent in his talons. Some of the Rabbins give Dan a serpent only—"Dan shall be a serpent in the way." The tribe of Dan were remarkable for defeating their enemies by policy rather than by force, of which there are many instances in the Bible, and some give Dan a serpent only as emblematical of their way. A serpent accursed of God. De Loutherbourg gives Dan a serpent only in his Banners of the Tribes. And so it is depicted on the title page of Barker's Bible, which, I mentioned before, is nearly two centuries and a half old (1634). The prophet *Ezekiel* indicates an eagle (but people ignore the prophets in these latter days). The Rev. David Jodd thinks that *Dan's standard* was a *lion's whelp*, "Dan is a lion's whelp," "he shall leap from Bashan." And the learned Rabbi (who firmly believes that the Ethiopians are the descendants of *Dan*), noticed in Africa, among the emblems of the tribes, on their breast plates, forehead pieces, instruments of music and banners—*a lion's whelp*. Others again (and this angust Chapter too, apparently) adopt the device of a serpent, biting the heels of a horse; because Jacob prophesied "Dan shall be a serpent by the way," "an adder in the path," that biteth the horse's heels; so that the rider "shall fall backward." I am afraid that this is a forced misappropriation of Holy Writ. The balance of testimony seems to me to be in favour of the *eagle*. As this tribe were the ringleaders of idolatry—the first who apostatised from God (soon after the death of Joshua);—the Romans (those latitudinarian idolaters), who worshipped the gods of all nations, in their teeming Pantheon, at once appropriated the puissant *Eagle of Dan*, and planted his symbol (abominable in the sight of God) on the holy porch of the temple of Jerusalem.

Prince Pagiel unfurled the purple banner of *Asher*, which bore a tree or a cup (according to Barker's Bible). The banner of the Prince of *Ahira* of the tribe of *Napthali* was *blue*, and designated by a *hind*: a *hind* let loose. The tribe of *Asher* were fruitful and prolific, and inherited a tract in the Holy Land, which produced the necessaries of life in abundance, also the choicest fruits, viz., Mount Carmel.

The tribe of Napthali were a spirited and free people, fruitful, and had a prodigious increase; for, from the four sons of *Napthali*, whom he took down into Egypt, proceeded upwards of 50,000 descendants, when they were emancipated. Their portion was in *Upper Galilee*.

At this late hour I shall only very briefly draw your attention to the mystical symbols and inscriptions of the third illustration; prominently showing a magnificent ancient stone archway, the entrance into the sacred mysteries of Masonry, in its greatest and widest acceptation—the Rites of those who are proficients in the Mystical Teaching of True Christianity. The higher the neophyte rises, the greater will be the degree of light which he may hope to obtain. This Picture appears to me to be designed to set forth (symbolically and historically) some of the aspects presented in the higher developments of Masonry; and especially the close and influential relation of the two Great Orders of *The Temple* and of *St. John*, both to Masonry, and to outside Christianity. It cannot be necessary to point out to the advanced Masonic student that even in the Royal Arch there are significant traces of Christianity, pure and simple, in some of the passwords and symbols; such as palpably refute those libellous *imputations of Infidelity* so offensively thrown out against us by some of the Roman *Chemarim*. As to such unjust imputations, I shall say no more than this—*Ejice foras*—"Set them aside." They should "all pass by us as the idle wind, which we regard not." At the top of all in this Picture, over the Crown, is the sacred word ΦΩΣ—a Greek word signifying *Light*; the apt emblem of Purity and Life, representing the Beauty, the Power, and the Wisdom of Almighty God. Below it, appropriately resting upon the sceptre and the sword, stands the Imperial (Cross-surmounted Crown) with this Latin text—at once words of warning and of encouragement: "Tene quod habes, ut nemo accipiat coronam tuam."—"Hold fast what you have, that no man may take your crown." In the corner of the picture, to the left, is a sealed or locked book (the S.V.), and over it are these letters: Q.E.D.A.L.E.S.S.E.?—that is (from *Revelations* no doubt) "Quis est dignus aperire librum, et solvere signacula ejus?" "Who is worthy to open this Book, and to undo its fastenings, or seals?" A pregnant and weighty question, M.E., E.C., and C.; a covert rebuke to many rash and ignorant persons—ever ready to meddle with what they can neither understand nor appreciate. Below the S.V. are the words of St. John—"Sed ego flebam multum,"—"But I wept much" (to think the Book should remain sealed); and that is the humble state of mind which is always sure to be rewarded, for to him (St. John) we are told the knowledge of that Sealed Book was then immediately revealed. The singular position of the Two Great Orders, of the Temple and of St. John—as claimed and exercised according to the ancient theories of Masonry, in that church-like system, to which the H.R.A. was, of old, unquestionably the *magnificent entrance*—is emphatically typified by two antique golden keys *crossed*; the Latin text being: "We open, and no man shuts; We shut, and no man opens." Below the S.V. are two swords (the Temple and the O.S.J.) now broken to pieces; although *once* the Great Master of Both might Himself have said—as He did of two other swords when they were shown to Him—"They are enough."

Above these broken swords—significantly portraying the weak, disunited, and shattered condition of the two (once sovereign) Orders at the present day—is the motto, "Olim fortiores"—"They were stronger *once*." And below the broken swords is the record of a regretful cry over such separation and disunion—"Usque quo Domine Deus?"—O Lord God, how long?" On the opposite side, or right hand of the picture, is a curtain *drawn*: typical of the veiled truths of Red Masonry. And on this curtain are the letters W.I.D.H.D.S.S.V.—"Was ist, dass hinter diesen Schleier sich verbirgt?"*—"What is it that lies hid behind the veil?" The answer is glanced at by the emblem of the *Fish* upon the curtain, ιχθυς:—Ιησους Χριστος Θεου Υιος Σωτηρ.

The designer of the sketch has (below the crown already mentioned) introduced a hand pointing downwards—the hand being, as you are aware, an old emblem of the Deity†—designating these words, Ιδου αλλο σημειον—"Behold, another Sign." What is that sign? The Great Arch to Masonry broken and in danger of falling, because two of its great Keystones have fallen. The safety of the Arch is obviously imperilled, and its strength and symmetrical beauty destroyed; it is, you will observe, only kept from tumbling into utter ruin by a clumsy and un-Masonic contrivance, or substitute for the two joint K.S. which should properly surmount the Royal Arch. The very *door* can now hardly be kept closed. It has been forced open, and is only kept at all in its place by the Chains of Obligation. The lamentable and unexpected fall of the Glorious O.T.S. has, you see, broken up the solid stone door-step to the Grand Masonic Edifice; and lying near that more palpable fracture is the other dislodged K.S., representing the renowned Order of St. John of Jerusalem, resting still, however, *as it has fallen*, upon the *Infeel*—the Gospel of the New Testament. On the K.S. of the *Temple* is a mark known to the Initiated; and on the K.S. of St. John is the gracious Word JOHN in *Arabic*—the language of learning and science in the Ages of Darkness, now happily passed away. Bear with me, M.E., E.C., and C., for a very little longer, and I have done. At the base of the Picture, below the Mystic Archway, is a text by which the designer has (as I conceive) earnestly but indirectly declared his strong conviction of the desirability of raising once more the two K.S. to their original position of utility and importance; providing so that every portion of the edifice may stand firm; compactly fitted, and joined together in knowledge, strength, and love—in fine, that the whole system of Masonry may be re-established upon its ancient basis. For the Temple and its Great Sister Order of Jerusalem were (as every Student of History and of Masonry knows) closely and inseparably connected with Saint John. This text at the basement is in Arabic, and it presents to us the fifth and sixth verses of the first chapter of the Fourth Gospel: "And the Light shineth in Darkness, and the Darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God whose name was JOHN."

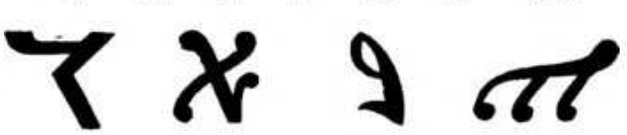
The last text I have to mention will be found in the centre of the Picture, *below* the rude wooden beam, clumsily supporting the Broken Arch. It is (as you will observe) in Greek. It runs as follows—and with it I will end my Lecture:—

"And this is the Testimony of the Holy One and the True."



THE NOTATION IN ARABIC.

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This Text is in Hebrew, in the *ancient* characters. [From "L'Histoire et L'Origine de la Maçonnerie en Angleterre, &c.]

* German ;—from the works of Goëthe.

† See the Ancient Arms of the University of Aberdeen.

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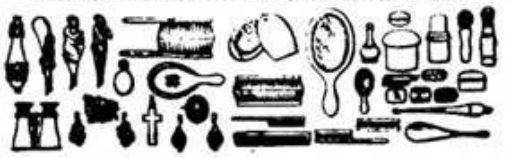
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The names of Brethren willing to act as Stewards may still be received. Support is urgently needed, the number of Stewards being below the average of recent years.

THE Annual Fête, Distribution of Prizes, and Visit of Festival Stewards and their Friends, will be held at the Institution on Tuesday, 28th June, under the presidency of the Most Hon. the Marquis of Londonderry. Tickets and particulars will be sent in due course.

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GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTERS.

THE occasion of the Half-yearly Communication of this Grand Lodge, on Tuesday, the 31st ult., was made exceptionably brilliant as celebrating the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of its Constitution, and the peculiar interest taken in the progress of the Order was manifested by the gathering of by far the greatest number of distinguished Officers and Brethren ever yet congregated under the auspices of this Grand Lodge. The spacious accommodation afforded by the suite of Masonic, Dining and Concert Rooms of the Criterion, Piccadilly, was secured for the purposes of the ordinary business of Grand Lodge and the banquets subsequently given to the Brethren and their Ladies. The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master Mason, presided.

The minutes of the previous half-yearly Communication having been confirmed, the Grand Master announced, amidst general acclamation, that His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, had consented to receive the appointment of Past Grand Master of the Mark degree, and His Royal Highness was accordingly saluted in due form.

The following is the—

REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD.

The number of Certificates issued during the six months to 31st March 1881, is 662.

Total number of Registered Advancements, 14,748.

In the same period twelve Warrants for Lodges have been granted.

Newstead Lodge, under Time Immemorial Constitution, Nottingham; Warrant of Confirmation.

Grand Master's Lodge:—

No. 269 Prinsep, Bareilly, Bengal.
270 Albert, Morar Gwalior, Bengal.
271 Brychan, Brecon.
272 Hiram, Dunedin, New Zealand.
273 Rutland, Wanganui, New Zealand.
274 Tasmania, Hobart Town.
275 St. Austell, St. Austell.
276 Middlesborough, Middlesborough.
277 Fitzwilliam, Malton.
278 Mediterranean, Gibraltar.

There have also been issued 116 Certificates for Brethren elevated to the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner, making the total number of Registered Members 866, and four Warrants for Lodges of the same Degree:—

No. 22 Southwark, London.
43 Gibraltar, Gibraltar.
199 Duke of Connaught, London.
273 Rutland, Wanganui, New Zealand.

In connection with the important affairs of Provincial Grand Lodges, the Board have to report as follows:—

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.—The loss by death of the valuable services of R.W. Bro. Col. John Whitwell P.G.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

CORNWALL.—The appointment of R.W. Bro. Sir Charles Brune Graves Sawle, Bart., as Prov. Grand Master, in succession to the late R.W. Bro. Col. Peard.

SOMERSET.—The appointment of R.W. Bro. Richard Charles Else as Prov. Grand Master in succession to General H. E. Doherty, whose regretted continued ill-health prevented his fulfilling the duties of his office.

SUSSEX.—The appointment of R.W. Bro. Thos. Trollope, M.D., as Prov. Grand Master, in succession to the late R.W. Bro. Thomas Cunningham, M.D.

NEW ZEALAND (South Island.)—The Constitution of a new Province and the appointment of R.W. Bro. Thomas Sherlock Graham as the first Prov. Grand Master.

The M.W. Grand Master being desirous to mark his sense of the benefits conferred on Mark Masonry by the distinguished literary labours of W. Bro. Thomas B. Whytehead P.M., power is asked from Grand Lodge to confer on him Past Rank as Grand Master Overseer; and to confirm in their rank and privileges as Past Masters, W. Bro. William Henry Alexander Mackinnon, No. 248, Malta, who completed six months only as Wor. Master, owing to the exigencies of the Service to which he is attached as Surgeon-Major, and

W. Bro. Wesley Francis, No. 252, Natalia, compelled to leave the Colony before completing his year of office.

Acting under the powers conferred upon them by Grand Lodge at the Meeting in November last, the Board have acquired and entered on possession of new and commodious Offices at No. 8a, Red Lion Square, on a lease of 29 years from 25th March 1881, at an annual rental of £140 for 21 years, and of £150 for the remaining 8 years.

The fitting and furnishing of the Offices has been completed under the supervision of the Board, but it has been considered advisable to defer the requisite works for the decoration and adaptation of the spacious and convenient Hall (included in the tenancy) for ceremonial and other purposes for the sanction of Grand Lodge.

The Board ask for the authority of Grand Lodge for this necessary expenditure on an estimate to be approved by Bros. Edis and Driver, Past G.S.W.

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The Board cannot permit this Annual Commemoration of Grand Lodge to pass without drawing special attention to the exceptionally interesting and important circumstances under which it is assembled as the TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY of the foundation of this Grand Lodge.

The unprecedented progress that has been made during this period in the development of the Mark Degree, affords gratifying evidence of the important position which Mark Masonry holds in the Universal Masonic Brotherhood.

On Wednesday, 6th July next, the "Annual Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund" will be held, under the presidency of the newly-installed Grand Master, Right Hon. Lord Henniker, and at this special period in the History of Grand Lodge, the Board cannot entertain any mistrust as to the result of the labours of the Stewards and their friends who will support the Chairman on that occasion.

The Board recommend the following grants from the Benevolent Fund, viz:—£10 to W.L., of Lodge No. 101; £20 to S.G., widow of W.G., of Lodge No. 152; and they have relieved Bro. J.E.R., of the Northumberland and Berwick Lodge, to the extent of £5.

The Board also recommend £21 to be granted from the General Fund on account of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The papers in connection with the question at issue between the Provincial Grand Master of Bristol, and Brother G. Rennie Powell, and the appeal to Grand Lodge by the latter against the decision of the General Board, are in the office for inspection by any Brother desirous of referring to their contents.

The Board acknowledge with thanks Reports of the Proceedings of the following Grand Royal Arch Chapters:—

Grand Chapters of Quebec, Illinois, Ohio, Maryland, West Virginia, Columbia, Nebraska.

The Treasurer's accounts, subjoined, show receipts from all sources on account of the General Fund - - - - - £836 10 0

and balances on 31st March last—

In favour of "General Fund" - - - -	426	4 4
" "Benevolent Fund - - - -	142	15 10
" "Educational Fund" - - - -	117	3 11

While investments have been made—

On account of "General Fund" - - - -	200	0 0
" " "Benevolent Fund" - - -	200	0 0
" " "Education Fund" - - -	200	0 0

The Grand Treasurer's Accounts for the six months ending 31st March 1881, show the following results:—

GENERAL FUND.

Balance from 30th September 1880 - - -			£293	2 1
Half-year's receipts - - -	£801	19 9		
Interest on Investments - - -	34	10 8		
			836	10 0
			£1,129	12 1
Half-year's Disbursements:				
Expenditure - - - - - -	£510	12 9		
Purchase of £200 Queensland 4 per Cent. Debentures - - -	192	15 0		
			703	7 9
Balance at Banker's - - -	£423	18 10		
Balance in hands of Assistant Grand Secretary - - - - -	2	5 6		
			426	4 4

BENEVOLENT FUND.

Balance from 30th September 1880 - - -			£289	7 3
Half-year's receipts - - -	£138	5 0		
Interest on Investments - - -	32	12 1		
			170	17 1
			460	4 4
Half-Year's Disbursements:—				
Grants in relief - - - -	25	0 0		
Purchase of £200 New South Wales 4 per Cent. Bonds -	206	0 0		
Transferred to Education Fund -	86	8 6		
			317	8 6
Balance at Bankers - - - - - -			142	15 10

EDUCATION FUND.

Balance from 30th September 1880 - - -			£243	11 7
Transferred from Benevolent Fund -	£86	8 6		
Interest on Investments - - -	6	6 4		
			92	14 10
			£336	6 5
Half-year's Disbursements:				
Educational Grants - - -	12	2 6		
Purchase of £200 Cape of Good Hope 4½ per Cent. Debentures - -	207	0 0		
			219	2 6
Balance at Bankers - - - - - - - -			117	3 11

INVESTED FUNDS.—GENERAL FUND.

Canadian 5 per Cent. Debenture Bonds - - -	£200 0 0
New Zealand 5 per Cent. Consols - - - -	800 0 0
Cape of Good Hope 4½ per Cent. Debenture Bonds -	200 0 0
Queensland 4 per Cent. Debenture Bonds - - -	500 0 0
	£1,700 0 0

BENEVOLENT FUND.

Canadian 5 per Cent. Debenture Bonds - - -	£600 0 0
New Zealand 5 per Cent. Consols - - - -	400 0 0
Cape of Good Hope 4½ per Cent. Debenture Bonds -	200 0 0
New South Wales 4 per Cent. Debenture Bonds -	200 0 0
	£1,400 0 0

EDUCATION FUND.

Cape of Good Hope 4½ per Cent. Debenture Bonds -	£400 0 0
Queensland 4 per Cent. Debenture Bonds - -	100 0 0
	£500 0 0

Audited and found correct,

(Signed) THOMAS MEGGY, Auditor.

21st April 1881. G. R. PORTAL, Past G.M.M., President.

The Report and Accounts having been received and adopted, Bro. Thomas B. Whytehead was invested as Past Grand Master Overseer, and the rank of Past Master was also conferred on Bro. Mackinnon and Bro. Francis respectively. On the recommendation of the Rev. G. R. Portal P.G.M., a sum of money, sufficient for the purposes of fitting and furnishing the new Offices and Hall in Red Lion-square, was voted, and the grants recommended in the foregoing report were confirmed. The appeal from Bro. G. Rennie Powell was withdrawn.

The installation of Bro. Lord Henniker as Grand Master for the ensuing year was then performed by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Grand Master, and on completion of the ceremony the M.W. Grand Master was saluted according to ancient custom.

The Grand Master, in an able and effective speech, expressed his thanks to the brethren for the honour conferred upon him, and stated his intention to continue his utmost exertions to promote the further prosperity of the Order. The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom was then invested with the jewel of Past Grand Master, presented by Grand Lodge, in acknowledging the receipt of which his Lordship referred to the pleasure which he had experienced during his term of office in promoting the prosperity of the Degree, and his hope that its present rate of progress would continue under the rule of his successor.

The following brethen were then appointed and invested as Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

The Earl of Kintore - - - - - -	D.G.M.
Lord Arthur Hill - - - - - -	G.S.W.
Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett - - - - -	G.J.W.
J. E. Le Feuvre - - - - - -	G.M.O
E. C. Mather - - - - - - -	G.S.O.
H. R. Cooper Smith - - - - - -	G.J.O.
Rev. R. N. Sanderson, M.A. - - - -	G. Chap.
Rev. H. G. Morse, M.A. - - - - -	G. Chap.
Frederic Davison - - - - - -	G. Treas.
H. C. Levander, M.A. - - - - -	G. Reg.
Frederick Binckes P.G.J.W. - - - -	G. Sec.
Donald M. Dewar P.G.M.O. - - - -	G. A. Sec.
Capt. A. T. Perkins - - - - - -	G.S.D.
Thos. J. Pulley - - - - - -	G.S.D.
C. S. Lane - - - - - - -	G.J.D.
S. S. Partridge - - - - - - -	G.J.D.
Henry Lovegrove - - - - - -	G.S.Wks.
Robert Berridge - - - - - -	G.D.C.
Henry Hacker - - - - - - -	G.A.D.C.
Thomas C. Walls - - - - - -	G.Swd.Br.
Thomas Clark - - - - - - -	G. Std.Br.
Wilhelm Ganz - - - - - - -	G. Org.
E. C. Milligan - - - - - - -	G.I.G.
W. Barkley, George Clark, E. T. Fulford, E. Gilbert, W. Gimingham, T. H. Glendinning, W. Jendwine, H. J. Lardner, T. Lawrence Lewis, C. L. Mason, W. J. Meek, G. A. Rooks	Stewards

These Officers were then saluted in the usual form.

The brethren nominated by the Grand Master to serve on the General Board were Bros. the Rev. G. R. Portal, M.A., P.G.M., President; S. Rosenthal, C. F. Matier, Dibdin, Berridge, Thomas Cubitt, and Alfred Williams. The brethren elected were Bros. E. C. Mather, W. Roebuck, R. P. Spice, Herbert Dicketts, and R. J. Mure.

The Grand Secretary mentioned the receipt of letters of apology for non attendance from Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Holmesdale P.G.M. and several Provincial Grand Masters and other brethren.

Bro. Renney, of the Britania Mark Lodge, Sheffield, on behalf of the Mark Degree in that District, expressed their desire that a Moveable Grand Mark Lodge might at an early date be held at Sheffield, and the M.W.G.M.M. promised that the invitation should be submitted to the Board of General Purposes.

The proceedings of the meeting were then terminated, and Grand Mark Lodge having been closed in due form, the Brethren proceeded to banquet in the spacious Dining-room of the Hotel, their Ladies being at the same time entertained, under the management of a Board of Stewards selected for that purpose. Subsequently a capital selection of Vocal and Instrumental Music was given by professional and amateur friends, and a most delightful and agreeable evening was enjoyed by all.

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THERE was a very large gathering of Freemasons on Wednesday, 25th May, to welcome His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, who, as a Past Officer of the Grand Lodge of England, had accepted an invitation to be present at Portsmouth. His Royal Highness was received by General H.S.H. Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, K.C.B., commanding the Southern military district, who was accompanied by Lord Albert Seymour and Capt. the Hon. C. G. Byng, A.D.C.'s, Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, and Bros. H. W. Townsend, T. Page, A. L. Emanuel, H. Threadingham, and Sam. Knight, as representatives of the new Lodge. On reaching the Officers' house on the Grand Parade, Portsmouth, the Duke was received by the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. Bramston Beach, M.P.), the V.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. W. Hickman), and a number of the Provincial Officers present and past.

The Lecture Hall, Penny Street, had been fitted up as a Lodge, and the decorations here, and also at the headquarters of the Artillery Volunteers (lent for the occasion by Colonel Lanyon Owen) were tasteful and appropriate. Many of the decorations, including some thousands of yards of red, white, blue and green bunting, with which both halls were covered, were kindly lent by Bro. J. P. Knight, the general manager of the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Company, who sent a telegram during the day to state that he was detained in London by a meeting of the Directors, otherwise he would have been present at the proceedings.

Among the visitors were Bros. Lord Tenterden P.G.M. of Essex; Montague Guest, M.P., P.G.M. for Dorset; Lieut. Col. H. Somerville Burney P.G.D. of England; Rev. Charles J. Martyn P.G.C. of England and D.P.G.M. of Suffolk; Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G.C. of England and D.P.G.M. for Surrey; Robert Grey P.G.D. of England; J. W. Case P.G.D. of England; S. Rawson P.D.G.M. for China; Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, M.P., G.C.M.G.; Baron Henry de Worms, M.P.; Admiral of the Fleet Sir Harry Keppel, M.P.; Colonel Bray, A.A.G., &c.

The Provincial Grand Officers in attendance were:—Bros. Captain T. H. M. Martin, R.N., S.G.W.; H. F. Brouncker J.G.W.; Rev. A.G. Barker G.C.; Rev. A. A. Headley G.C.; T. Lamb G. Reg.; Mark E. Frost G. Treas.; C. J. Miller G. Sec.; A. L. Emannel J.G.D., Tasker G. Supt. of Works; R. Barnes G.D.C.; Bowyer A.G.D.C; Quartermaster G. Douglas G. Sword Bearer; Harle G. Purs.; J. G. Jones G. Org.; A. H. Joliffe, J. J. Pulley, H. C. Liddell, and J. Parkinson, G. Stewards; Biggs and Exell G. Tylers.

At noon there was a procession from the Officers' house into the Lodge, and the Duke of Connaught, on making his appearance, was received with great enthusiasm by the Brethren; Bro Jones P.G.O., who presided at the harmonium, playing Bro. Winterbottom's March, "Hail to our Prince," the cheering being renewed as His Royal Highness accompanied the Provincial Grand Master to the dais. The interesting and impressive ceremony was at once proceeded with according to the ancient ritual, to which full justice was done by the Prov. G.M., the Wardens' chairs being occupied *pro tem* by Bros. Captain T. H. Martin, R.N., Prov. G.S.W., and Bro. H. F. Brouncker, Prov. G.J.W. After the prescribed preliminaries had been completed, the D.G.M. addressed the G.M., proffering a request that he would constitute the new Lodge. The Provincial Grand Master said it was with great pleasure that he acceded to the request which had been made on the part of the Brethren of the new Lodge, and he was glad it was to be launched under such favourable circumstances. The large attendance of Brethren showed the very great interest which was taken, not only in the welfare of the Craft but in the prosperity of this particular Lodge. And it was, indeed, an interesting event in Freemasonry when they called into existence a new Lodge, to promulgate those principles which were the very germs of their Order. Directing their attention for a few moments to the purpose for which they had met, and the object they had in view, he said the study of Freemasonry was no doubt a great work. It carried their minds back to a very remote period, to the constitution of their Order. They must look for its Origin to the East, the birthplace of the arts and sciences, the very cradle of the human race. And it was worthy of remark that in whatever country the lamp of knowledge had burnt most brightly, there Masonry had existed and had been preserved, because it was intimately associated with the study of geometry, and the various arts and sciences which had contributed to the elevation and instruction of the human race. It found a home in Greece, amongst her ancient philosophers; it was taken to Egypt, where it flourished to a very great extent; and after having existed on through the middle ages and produced many splendid monuments of architecture, it at last was carried into England and other parts of the Continent of Europe. How did it come there? Ancient legends told them it was transmitted by a man named Peter Gower, and this caused some difficulty, because no one could understand who Peter Gower was. But after some investigation it was found that Peter Gower was no one else but Pythagoras; and though at first sight it did not seem that there was much connection between the names, when they reflected that it came through the French, who made Pythagoras into Peter Gower, it no longer seemed quite a marvel. In England the first great working Mason was good Prince Edwyn, the king's brother, who studied geometry, and procured a Charter for the propagation of Masonry and the establishments of Lodges, and from that day to this Masonry had existed, and had more or less thrived and flourished. Sometimes it had met with discouragement, but it was worthy of remark that whenever discouragement was attempted to be thrown upon it, it had risen superior to such efforts. And what had caused it to flourish and exist at the present time in unexampled prosperity? Adherence to the principles on which it was originally founded. Masons had never swerved from their first allegiance, from those grand principles which formed the stability of their Order, and contributed to render it such a permanent institution; and so long as they held fast to their traditions, so long as they continued to act in conformity with the lessons they had received, and to those grand and sublime principles of the Craft, so long as they strove to do justice, practised charity, acted with prudence, and maintained harmony and brotherly love, so long would Masonry flourish in the world, a grand institution, powerful for good, and tend to be of the greatest benefit to the human race. The Brethren of the new Lodge would have a mission to perform in endeavouring to extend those principles to the best of their ability. He believed that many of those who would be brought first to see the light of Freemasonry in that Lodge, would be called upon to go to other portions of the globe, and have an opportunity of transmitting the lessons which they received here to Masons there. Might they ever have it in their minds to show that the lessons which they had received in the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge were in conformity with the purity of the Craft, and calculated to extend its benefits to every portion of the earth.

The P.G. Chaplains (Bros. the Rev. A. G. Barker and A. A. Headley) officiated in turn, the oration being delivered by Bro. Barker, as follows:—

Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and Brethren, It is only one short year since I was duly installed and appointed as Chaplain of the Province, and yet this is the third new Lodge at the opening of which I have been called upon to officiate. Can any words of mine speak so eloquently as this one fact, on the uses of Masonry? No! This fact tells us in a manner none can gainsay, or contradict, that Masonry, like a mighty solemn wave, rolling for centuries from the East, gathers into its great heart ever greater and greater numbers of the highest, and most intellectual, the most Philanthropic in our land. And I cannot look around upon this assembly to-day without feeling that we have as a Fraternity in no whit degenerated from the times when eastern kings, princes, and sages enrolled themselves into one great brotherhood for the advancement of the good of mankind, and the building up of the great spiritual temple of temperance, justice and truth. Since last I addressed your Right Worshipful G. Master and this Province on this subject, I have visited the home and cradle of our Order—Egypt, Syria, and Asia Minor; and often as I stood among their wondrous temples, the Grand rhythm of the Prophet Ezekiel's words (as he, too, stood in vision in the midst of the great typical temple of Jerusalem) echoed in my ears, "Behold the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the East." And many direct traces of our Craft did I notice. Upon the sculptured walls of the Egyptian temples stood conspicuous many of our most sacred typical figures and allegorical emblems, and I proudly reflected that amongst much in that picture-writing that spoke of cruelty, lust, and intemperance, none have been consecrated to the use of our society but those having a moral tendency and seeming to inculcate the practice of virtue. The peasants of the Lebanon, at the present day, all unknowing perhaps of its deep meaning, weave their embroideries into designs of compass and triangle, and the double triangles on the ruined mosques show that Masonry once had an ennobling influence even on the wild heart of early Islamism. And another Masonic lesson was taught me by the mighty ruins of Baalbeck. Just above the foundations of a Cyclopian wall lies a course of gigantic stones, three in number, each measuring 64ft. long, 13 high, and 13 wide—weighing, I am told, 300 tons. One looks at the enormous blocks, which have lain there, unmoved by earthquake, unscathed by storms, for countless centuries, and one asks, Where among the Masons of to-day should we find the patience, the passionate determination to overcome all difficulties which must have animated the craftsmen of the old, old days, in their resolution to hew and move these stony mountains? Yet, surely, we to-day have mountains of labour as hard to climb, unhewn stones of passion and evil custom, requiring years of toil to frame before they can be made fit for the building of the Temple of God. Yet, it must be done; for God requires this at every man's hand, to bring something to the building of His House, according to his power. But they sometimes failed. These giants of old failed, as we fail at times to-day; and as their finished work is but as an example, so must their failure be unto us a warning. In this case the failure and the success are close together, for not half a mile away in the quarry lies a stone hewn into shape and ready for the wall, larger by some feet than those which I have already spoken of. Why does not it, too, adorn the Temple? Did disunion creep in among the workmen? Did sloth lay her heavy hand upon them? Did giant despair hold them in his grasp? We know not; we only know that the mighty mass lies useless among the sand, instead of adding a further glory to the Temple wall. But this we know full well, that disunion, sloth, and despair to-day mar many a fair promise of work to be done for the Temple, and so we must up and fight them, for so only shall we truly keep in view the three great tenets of our society—brotherhood, active work, and hopeful charity; and so only will the squared blocks of individual virtues be raised with the great spiritual temple, instead of lying a confused heap of stones in the quarry, half smothered with the sand of time. The choir, under the direction of Bro. J. Winterbottom, rendered the musical portion of the service with marked effect. On the R.W. Prov. G.M. announcing that the Lodge had been duly constituted, the bells of the parish church rang out a merry peal for an hour. Lord Charles Beresford, who is a P.M. of the Meham Lodge, Devonport, was installed by the P.G.M., amid rounds of hearty cheers from the brethren. The P.G.M. remarked that it had been very gratifying to him to attend and see the great interest which was taken in the future prosperity of the Lodge, and he could only congratulate the members on the auspices under which the Lodge was founded, and on the great probability of success under the able Master whom he had had the pleasure of placing in the chair that day. The Officers were appointed as follows:—Bros. H. W. Townsend I.P.M., T. Page S.W., Lt. Sackville H. Carden, R.N., J.W., H. Threadingham Treasurer, A. L. Emanuel Hon. Secretary, Rev. P. H. Good Chaplain, Lieut. F. S. Knowles, R.N., S.D., Martyr J.D., Winterbottom Organist, Lind D.C., McLeod, R.E., I.G., H. Long and S. Knight Stewards,

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Mansell, R.N., and Carter Tylers. As Bro. Carden was unavoidably absent, being on duty at sea, Br. Lieut. Southwell G. T. Bourke, R.N. acted for him. The nominations, as honorary members, of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, of the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, and the P.G.M., were hailed with the greatest enthusiasm. Bro. Townsend said he had been requested by the brethren who were Founders to perform a most pleasing duty, to thank Lord Charles Beresford most cordially for having graciously consented to become the first Master of the new Lodge, and to ask his acceptance of a jewel, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. Past Master the Right Honourable Lord Charles William de la Poer Beresford, by the Founders of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, as a token of respect and esteem, and to mark their sense of the high honour conferred on them by accepting the office of First Worshipful Master." He ventured to express a hope that the Lodge would prove not to have been formed in vain, and that in due time it would take a prominent place among the many Lodges already existing in the Province. He did not ask their W.M. to appreciate the jewel for its intrinsic worth, so much as because it conveyed the knowledge that the brethren of the new Lodge were not unmindful of the high honour which his lordship had conferred upon them, or of the many sacrifices of time which he would be called upon to make in order to carry out the many duties which he would be called upon to perform during his year of office. Bro. Townsend then pinned the jewel (which consisted of twenty-seven stones, the compass being formed of five diamonds, and the crown of diamonds and rubies) on Lord Charles Beresford's breast, expressing his sincere hope, and that of the Founders of the Lodge, that he might live long to wear it as a slight recognition of their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him in forming the Lodge, and in cheerful remembrance of this great Masonic success. The W.M., Lord Charles Beresford, who was received with much cheering, said he hardly knew how to express himself in adequate terms in thanking the founders for the extremely handsome present they had thought fit to make him. As far as the founding of the Lodge was concerned, the little he had done to bring it forward he had very gladly done, but to the Founders and the brethren who had kindly accepted office under him, belonged the whole of the credit. He did not believe there were many Masons in the Lodge who had ever seen such a splendid gathering, either in a Lodge or at the constitution of a Lodge. He must take the opportunity to thank the brethren of his own Lodge for the extreme courtesy and kindness they had shown him in helping him to do the little he had done, and he thought all would agree with him that they were most flattered and honoured by the presence of the Duke of Connaught, who, at great trouble and inconvenience, was with them. He did not know how many hours yesterday he was engaged in a field day at Aldershot, and to-day he had social duties to perform at Her Majesty's ball. He proposed a vote of thanks to his Royal Highness, which was seconded by Bro. Bourke, and carried by acclamation. The Duke of Connaught, who was greeted with loud cheers, said: Worshipful Master and Brethren, I beg to thank you most cordially for the kind welcome you have given me on this occasion. I can assure you I have been present at this magnificent ceremony with the greatest pleasure, and it is one which we shall look back to with interest. I do not think, except on the occasion of the installation of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, we have ever seen a finer ceremony in any Lodge. I beg to thank you, Worshipful Master, and you, Brethren here present, for the honour you have done me this day. The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the Grand Master of Hampshire for the very able and masterly way in which he had constituted the Lodge. The I.P.M. seconded the proposition, which was accepted with great cordiality and duly acknowledged, after which Lodge was closed in Masonic form.

The following is a list of presents to the Lodge:—

W.M. Lord Charles Beresford—Collars and gauntlets with silver jewels, for every Officer in the Lodge. The gauntlets, are not embroidered with the name of the Lodge and office, but stamped out in solid silver

Bro. H. W. Townsend—A very old Bible, handsomely bound, bearing the crest of the Lodge, and a sword for Inner Guard.

Bro. T. Page—Set of Tracing-boards with gilt frames.

Bro. A. L. Emanuel—A blue cushion for the Bible with the number of the Lodge worked in raised gold figures in each corner, with blue tassels.

Bro. Lieutenant Knowles—A set of solid silver working tools with ivory gavel.

Bro. Lieutenant Carden, R.N.—The Warden's columns in ebony.

Bro. Backler—A set of gavels, ivory handles and ebony tops.

Bros. Davis and Damerum—Tyler's sword and poinard for Inner Guard.

Bro. J. Smith—Antique jug, more than 100 years old, with Masonic emblems, and silver mounted.

Bro. McLeod—Ballot box with ivory and ebony ballot balls.

Messrs. Barnes and Parker, of Devonport, and Lieutenant Hastings Lees—Three candlesticks in ebony for Master's and Wardens' pedestals.

Lieutenant Bourke—Senior Warden's triangle in electro-plate, with ebony stand; also rough and perfect ashlar.

Bro. Maybour—Silver square and compasses.

Bros. Field and Elverstone—Sashbelt for Tyler.

On the conclusion of the ceremony of constitution, an adjournment took place to the headquarters of the Hants Artillery Volunteers, where, under the presidency of Lord Charles Beresford, a banquet was served: The company numbered about 250, the noble Chairman having on his right the Duke of Connaught, and on his left His Serene Highness Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, and, besides distinguished visitors, whose names appear above, there were present Lord A. Seymour, Capt. the Hon. Byng, Capt. Creagh A.A.G., Capt. Egerton Equerry to the Duke of Connaught, Capt. Parke, Colonel Shiffner 54th Regt., the Mayor of Portsmouth (Alderman W. Pink, J.P), &c.

The Chairman proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, and said that the two were here well connected, for in Her Majesty were embodied many of the grand principles of the Order—kindness to the poor, and sympathy for every one in distress, whether rich or poor, whether single individuals or public servants; in fact, whoever was in distress, had the sympathy of her Majesty. Her Majesty, governing as a constitutional Sovereign, sought to do what was right for the people of this country, and for all who were immediately connected with her, and the result was that she had observed a strict and honest loyalty to the Constitution as long as she had been Queen of England. With regard to the Craft, he would not enlarge upon it, because there were present some gentlemen who were not Masons, but he hoped they would soon become so. He did not wish to let out any secrets, but there were appearances in Masonry which anybody could see, and these were shown in good fellowship and kindness, which all Masons had for one another, no matter what rank in life a Brother might be. When a Mason met a Brother Mason there was always a bond of sympathy between them which benefitted the human race. More particularly was this seen in their Charities and Benevolent Institutions, which were kept up entirely by funds from Masons' pockets. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

The Chairman next gave the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master, observing that his Royal Highness had occupied his present position among Masons for some years and performed a great deal of arduous work on behalf of the Craft. They all knew His Royal Highness's connection with the Grand Lodge, and they would all agree that, whatever the Prince of Wales undertook to do, he did personally, and did it well. He asked them to look at the varied character of the Prince's work in his position as the representative of the country, and, referring to the visit to India, observed that it had all the appearance of a pleasure excursion, but while there was a great deal of pleasure, there was also a great deal of work, and most of it devolved upon the Prince, who organised everything, even to the details of dress. He so pleased everybody in India that he (the noble speaker) had heard a great number of experienced men, who had spent a long time in India, say that the Prince of Wales's visit to India saved this country a great deal of trouble at the time of the Afghan rebellion. There was a very nice gentleman—a Bengal babboo, he was called—who told him that he had never seen an Englishman before, and that he did not believe there was another besides the Prince of Wales. He (the Chairman) did not know whether it was intended as a compliment for himself, but it certainly was one for the Prince of Wales. There was a Parsee gentleman who was extremely pleased with the way in which His Royal Highness went through his duties and ceremonies in India, and he committed his ideas to rhyme. He only remembered one verse, but from it one could judge what this Parsee gentleman's opinion was, not only of the Prince of Wales's powers in undertaking public ceremonies, but at shooting tigers. The verse was—

> Beautiful he can shoot
> Many a rich tiger brute;
> Lying on their backs they'll die,
> Shot in the apple of the eye.

The Prince of Wales was the success of the Paris Exhibition. They all knew what he did for the English and the Colonial exhibitors—they were delighted with him; and everybody was satisfied by his courtesy and amiability of manner. Frenchmen were also delighted with him, and if the Throne of France were to be competed for at a general election the Prince of Wales would head the poll without the slightest difficulty. When the Prince left Paris everything was *a la* Prince of Wales—sticks, boots, shoes, shirts, hats, everything, and he was credibly informed that there were articles of feminine attire *a la* Prince of Wales. It sounded curious, but he showed how popular he was in Paris. As Grand Master of England, it was impossible to find a man more thoroughly all that a Grand Master should be, putting aside his great social position. He had a charming character, amiable temper, and a ready wish to do everybody a good turn, and he asked them to join in drinking His Royal Highness's health.

The Chairman next proposed "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England," who had been a Mason for 25 years, and who had spent a great deal of his valuable time in furthering the interests of Masonry.

The Chairman gave the health of the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., and Grand Officers present and past. One great feature of the work of the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, and the other Grand Officers was that it had to be performed every month, and would not stand over, and that made it the more irksome. While proposing the toast he took the opportunity of thanking the Grand Officers who had come down to honour the new Lodge, for they had made the ceremony the great success they had witnessed. He would also particularly thank H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who had come down at great personal inconvenience, sacrificing his own time, upon which there were many demands for the benefit of other people. He could only say that it was an instance of the remark he made at an earlier stage of the proceedings as to the sympathy, kind heartedness, and general wish to do what was right to one another, and which existed among Masons of all sorts and grades.

The Duke of Connaught, whose name was associated with the toast, replied as follows:—Worshipful Master, your Serene Highness, my Lords, and Gentlemen,—I feel flattered at my name being connected with the toast you have just drunk with so much enthusiasm. There are many Grand Officers far senior to myself who should have returned thanks for this toast; therefore, I feel the more honoured that it has devolved upon me. I can assure you, gentlemen, that, speaking collectively, we have all had the greatest pleasure and the greatest satisfaction in taking part in the interesting ceremony of this meeting. Although I have taken part in different ceremonies as a Freemason, I may frankly say that I have seldom taken part in a ceremony that has given me greater satisfaction than the one which has just taken place. Speaking personally, it has been a great pleasure for me to come here

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to-day. It is only fair that you should know that the Prince of Wales expressed a very strong wish that one of the family should come here, and I was glad to come has his representative, and to represent all those Members of the Royal Family who are Freemasons. A good many of the Royal Family have been Freemasons, and some of them Grand Masters, but we all take the deepest interest in all that concerns the welfare and good-fellowship of the Craft. I most entirely agree with the sentiment expressed by our Worshipful Master in saying that we, among all others, feel that our great safeguard and great watchword is charity and good-fellowship, and it is in that sense that we, as the Grand Officers past and present, attended to-day. We see this in the new Lodge springing up, we wish to show the interest we have in it, and we wish most sincerely for its happiness and prosperity.

Sir H. Drummond Wolff, M.P., gave the health of the R.W. Prov. G.M. (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), and in doing so said they all knew the labour and attention Bro. Beach applied to the discharge of the functions of his Office. He was brought up in one of the best schools of Masonry, the Apollo Lodge of Oxford, and they had seen from the manner in which he had discharged his duties that day how apt a pupil he had been in the Craft. He certainly had never discharged a duty with greater pleasure to himself than opening a new Lodge in Portsmouth with Lord Charles Beresford as its Master, and dedicated to Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar. He believed that the great extension of Masonry which was just now so noticeable was owing to this, that so many who belonged to the great Services, of which they saw such distinguished representatives present, were Masons. There was no country in the world which made such demands on the Services as a scattered empire, and Great Britain must be always asking her soldiers and sailors to go abroad, to sacrifice friends and home. Then it was that they formed a family. Then it was that Masonry stepped in, providing them in foreign countries with a society, a family, and a home—and they were rejoiced in their lighter moments, during the tedium of an honourable and necessary exile. They welcomed the formation of this Lodge in Portsmouth, because it was characteristic of the town and charateristic of the Masonry of England, and if it had been graced by the presence of a Member of the Royal Family and by so many distinguished Members of the Craft, it was because loyalty to the Craft inspired loyalty to the Crown, and because they knew that a good Mason must be a good subject.

Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., responded, and said that since he had held his present position of honour he had opened three new Lodges in Portsmouth. He congratulated them on the manner in which Masonry was progressing in the Old Town of Portsmouth and in the Province, and he believed it was flourishing in equal proportions in the country also. His sincere hope and wish was that the Lodge would be an honour not only to the Province but to the Craft in England.

Bro. Montague Guest, P.G.M. of Dorset, gave the health of the R.W. Deputy P.G.M., Bro. W. Hickman, and Officers of the P.G. Lodge present and past. He had not had the honour of the acquaintance of the Deputy Grand Master before that day, but he was convinced, from the admirable way in which the duties of the P.G.M. had been performed, the Officers of the Province who were present must be a fair representation of the working of the Province. He considered that one of the most important parts of Freemasonry consisted in their visiting one another, and, as Prov G.M. of an adjoining Province, he hoped he might have the pleasure and advantage of the presence of some of the Provincial Officers of this Province, not to show them how to do their work, but to compare one Province with another. The advantage would be mutual, and he hoped that they in Dorset would show that they were not unproficient in the working of the Province. He sincerely thanked the W.M. for giving him the opportunity of witnessing so interesting and admirably conducted a performance as he had witnessed that day.

Captain T. H. Martin, R.N., P.G.S.W., briefly responded, in the absence of Bro. Hickman.

The Duke of Connaught, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, said: My Lords and Gentlemen,—One of the most pleasing duties now devolves upon me, and it is one which, I may say, almost speaks for itself. I feel it requires but few words of mine to make you respond to the toast with the heartiest cordiality possible. It is the health of the Most Worshipful Master, Lord Charles Beresford. The applause which greets the mere mention of your Master's name shows me that I was not mistaken when I said that it was a toast that would be received with heartiness and cordiality. In the presence of people of whom you are speaking it is customary not to eulogise them too much, still I hope he will allow me to say that I feel great pleasure in proposing, this afternoon, his health. I have had the pleasure of his acquaintance for many years, and there are many present who know him, not only as a Mason, but in his professional capacity as an Officer in the Navy. Gentlemen, as an Officer in the Army it affords me all the greater pleasure in proposing the health of an Officer in the sister Service—the Navy. You all know his career, and how he has risen from the lowest rank to the rank he now holds, and the respect he is held in by all branches of the Navy, from the senior Officers down to the blue jackets and marines. I may say that the same good feeling, the same respect, and the same affection that is shown him in his own profession, will be shown him in the Craft. I am convinced that the Lodge Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar has a most excellent Master, and that he will do everything to keep up all that is creditable to the Craft and the Fellowship; and I hope that under his Mastership the Lodge which we inaugurate to-day will flourish and prosper, and when he comes to hand it over to his successor he may be able to look back upon his work with the greatest pleasure. I ask you to drink the health of the W.M., Lord Charles Beresford.

Lord Charles Beresford, who was received with great cheering, said: It is no hackneyed phrase to say I hardly know how to return thanks to you, Your Royal Highness, after the more than kind things you have said, and to you, Gentlemen, for the extremely gratifying and flattering way in which you have received what His Royal Highness said. He made one remark about my career in the Service. I think I have done what we all do in the Navy—our duty, and the best we can to help a shipmate as long as we can, and I hope that, as Master of the Prince Edward Lodge, I may fulfil my duty as I should. It is seldom a man has such honour paid him as I have had paid me to-day. I have been elected Master of the Lodge; there has been an immense, an enthusiastic gathering, not only of my own brethren, because every Mason is a brother, but brethren forming a most distinguished company have come down to see the Constitution of this Lodge. It is a day I shall never forget, and as far as I can I will do—as His Royal Highness put it—my duty in the Lodge as the Master of it, just as I have endeavoured to do it in the Service to which I am proud to belong.

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Harry Keppel proposed the health of the Visitors. Some of them talked about being old Masons of twenty years' standing, but he was a Mason forty years ago, and ten years before that he was invited to Kensington Palace in order to be initiated, but just as he was starting he was ordered to Portsmouth to join his ship, and therefore was unable to attend. He coupled with the toast the name of H.S.H. Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar. He would tell them a story. During the Crimea he was on duty taking a sheep to his friend Colin Campbell, afterwards Lord Clive, who was in camp, and going up the hill he met a young soldier leading a goat with one hand and in the other carrying a bucket of water. He had his shirt-sleeves tucked up, though the snow was on the ground. The soldier nodded to him. As he considered this unusual familiarity, he asked his friend Campbell who he was. "Don't you know?" was the reply, "Why, that is Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar."

Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, who was cordially received, responded, and narrated his personal connection with the Lodge. Three or four months ago he received a letter from a gentleman in the Masonic body, and, who, he believed, thought he (His Serene Highness) was a Mason. He was informed that a new Lodge was about to be constituted, and that it was desired that it might be called after him. While feeling himself highly honoured, he replied that he was sensible of the honour paid him, but called attention to the fact that he was not a Mason. He received a reply stating that although it was a matter of regret that he was not a Mason, it was still the wish of the Founders that the Lodge should be called after him. He felt exceedingly flattered at the recognition of him and the desire to perpetuate his name in Portsmouth, and readily gave his consent. He mentioned this in order that strangers might know his connection with the Lodge. Referring to the incident mentioned by Sir H. Keppel, he said it was perfectly true. When he came back from the Crimea he dined with Lord Palmerston, and it was a curious fact that he mentioned the same incident, though how he knew it he could not tell. On behalf of the town, speaking for the Mayor as well as for himself, he expressed the gratification felt at the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught on this occasion.

Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., asked the company to drink the health of the Founders of the Lodge. Under ordinary circumstances that toast was merely the united expression of opinion and of appreciation of the services of one or more gentlemen. But on this occasion he thought that the Founders themselves must have experienced the liveliest satisfaction from the manner in which their services had been appreciated, and from the additional fact that they had conferred a great benefit on the Craft generally by the foundation of the new Lodge. They knew that the brethren combined in them a spirit of loyalty, and the inherent spirit of benevolence, good fellowship, and charity. But there was one other point having a particular bearing at the present moment, and that was that whereas throughout the world they heard of secret societies working only for the evil of the country in which they existed, they might proudly turn to this country and associate with it the name of their secret society which did good by stealth and blushed to find it fame.

Bro. H. W. Townsend I.P.M., in responding, said that he might justly claim to be the Founder of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, and for that reason he was pleased to have the opportunity of thanking all those who had rendered such valuable assistance in bringing about in such a short time the large Masonic gathering which they had witnessed. Scarcely three months had passed since he announced his intention to make application for a warrant for a new Lodge, and although he felt certain that he would be successful, he little thought that his application would result in the formation of a Lodge honoured by the presence of so many brethren to witness the beautiful ceremony of Constitution so ably performed by the Provincial Grand Master, and in the presence of so many Officers holding high positions in the Craft. On behalf of the many brethren standing with him, he expressed their gratitude to Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar for his very kind letter giving consent that the Lodge might bear his name, and his expression of hope that the Lodge would prosper; secondly, to Bro. Lord Charles Beresford, who so kindly consented to accept the office of first W.M., thereby giving the Lodge an amount of prestige that it could not under other circumstances have obtained; and, thirdly, to the Prov. Grand Master, for his very cordial reception of Bro. Emanuel and himself on the occasion of the constitution of the Chine Lodge at Shanklin, before which ceremony he was pleased to allow them to present their petition, and to promise it his strongest recommendation. The Lodge being now started under such favourable circumstances it should be the earnest desire of each of the Founders, and more especially the Officers of the Lodge, to carry out their respective duties in an efficient manner. When the Lodge reached its Centenary he hoped those who might then be members would have no cause to regret its formation, but on the contrary be able to look back with pleasure on the records of the Lodge, and think kindly of those who took part in the proceedings of that day.

Bro. W. W. Beach proposed the Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province, and Bro. G. A. Mursell W.M. of the Medina Lodge, No. 35, Isle of Wight, briefly responded.

The Chairman gave the Officers of the Lodge, and Bro. T. Page, as Senior Warden, returned thanks, observing that the Officers were determined to fully carry out their duties.

The company then separated.—*Portsmouth Times.*

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 4th JUNE.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

TUESDAY, 7th JUNE.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1381—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
228—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1343—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 8th JUNE.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 730 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
861—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)
R.C.—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
148—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 150 North Hill-street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1434—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.

1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wales
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
R.A. 77—Hermes, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 9th JUNE.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)

35—Medina, 86 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Graces Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
368—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Warille, near Rochdale
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
1094—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.

FRIDAY, 10th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
607—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
804—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington. at 8. (In)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.
458—Ark and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-steet, Goole.
492—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme.
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street,
1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 11th JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1607—Loyalty
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith
1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

Pressure on our space compels us to hold over several interesting Lodge Reports.

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Hants and the Isle of Wight, presided, Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, acted as Deputy Grand Master, and Sir Michael Hicks Beach, M.P., as Past Grand Master, Capt. Platt P.G.W. acted as Senior Grand Warden, and the Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G.C., Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, as Junior Grand Warden. There was a very large attendance of the brethren, notwithstanding the fine weather. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the Grand Master announced that Mr. Justice Cave, who had been appointed Junior Grand Warden, but who was not present at the Grand Festival in April, was now present, and would be invested as Junior Grand Warden. Bro. Cave then advanced, and was invested by Bro. Beach with the apron, collar, and jewel of his office. The Grand Master then made a similar announcement with respect to Sir James Ramsden, and that Worshipful Brother, who had been appointed Senior Grand Deacon, was also invested. Each Brother was saluted according to ancient form on taking his seat. The brethren then proceeded to elect the Board of General Purposes, and afterwards confirmed the recommendations of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter. Sir John Monckton, in moving the recommendation that two Grand Standard Bearers and a Deputy Director of Ceremonies be added to the list of Grand Officers, stated that the idea had not emanated from the Board of General Purposes, but from the Prince of Wales, who found great difficulty, owing to the great increase in the Order, to find sufficient Grand Offices for the distinguished and worthy Masons who aspired to hold office in Grand Lodge. The matter had been referred to the Board by the Grand Master, and after carefully considering the case, and having the advice of the highest authority on such matters, who was a member of the Board, they came to the conclusion that two Standard Bearers and a Deputy Director of Ceremonies would satisfy the Craft. The motion was seconded by Bro. J. M. Case P.G.D. Bro. Thomas Massa moved as an amendment that there should be one Standard Bearer, a Grand Trumpeter, and an Assistant Superintendent of Works. Bro. H. E. Frances thought the Director of Ceremonies should be a permanent officer, and that there should be two Assistants. It was, however, explained by Sir Albert Woods that there might be a question of precedence between two Assistants in the absence of the Director of Ceremonies, which could not arise if there was a Deputy D.C. and an Assistant D.C. Bro. Massa's amendment was unanimously negatived, and Bro. Frances withdrawing his amendment, the original motion was carried. Brother Monckton next moved the addition of two Grand Deacons and a Deputy Director of Ceremonies for Provincial Grand Lodges where the Province consisted of forty Lodges and upwards. Bro. H. E. Frances proposed the addition of a Standard Bearer, and said such an office was recognised by some Provincial Grand Masters. Bro. McIntyre, who had had several Provinces in his charge, on the contrary, said, that there was no such office, and when the Province of Berks and Bucks was in his charge, he had to perform the very disagreeable duty of so declaring. A question was then raised as to when the new appointments could be made in the Provinces, and Bro. McIntyre informed the brethren that they could be made after the minutes of the present Grand Lodge were confirmed in September next. With reference to the proposed purchase of new premises adjacent to the Hall, on Bro. Monckton moving the recommendation that the Board be authorised to expend £600 for the purpose, the motion was altered by giving the Board power to purchase the premises at the best price they could obtain. Bro. Tudor Trevor's matter was then introduced, and Bro. Monckton explained the course taken by the Board. They had heard both Bro. Trevor, Bro. Voigt, and the Master of the Alexandra Lodge, and then every member of the Board was asked to express his opinion upon it. They came unanimously to the conclusion—

1. That the principle of Grand Lodge devoting any portion of its funds towards defraying the costs of legal proceedings, not incurred by its authority, or by that of the Board of General Purposes (as its Executive Board), would be an innovation constituting a very inconvenient precedent, and leading to most undesirable results.

2. That there does not appear to be any sufficient ground or reason why the case now under investigation should be specially excepted from the operation of the principle laid down in the preceding resolution.

The motion having been seconded by Bro. Frank Green, Bro. Trevor was again heard, and contended that it was because he could not get his case adjudicated upon by the Masonic authorities that he had gone to law. The Board of General Purposes had sheltered itself behind the ægis of there being no precedent for Grand Lodge to pay legal expenses incurred without its authority, but he submitted that, as he had been fighting their battle, they could make a precedent. He moved as an amendment :—

"That in consideration of the very exceptional circumstances of his application for pecuniary assistance, and that he has been much embarrassed by the un-Masonic litigation which ensued, in defiance of the Principles of the Craft, and especially of No. 6 of Ancient Charges and Regulations, consequent on the part he took in the exclusion from his Lodge, No. 1511, of an offending brother (which exclusion was approved by the Provincial Grand Master), this Grand Lodge is pleased as a *Special Case* to direct the grant of £150 from the Fund of General Purposes, to Bro. Tudor Trevor P.M., &c., in aid of his costs in defending the action 'Bro. Voigt v. Bros. Carr, Laking, and Trevor,' tried at Leeds in August last, and in respect of which cost Bro. Trevor affirms that he has already paid £169 4s 11d, and that he has been greatly impoverished thereby."

The amendment, however, was negatived, and the original motion put and carried. £70 was voted for coals for the Old People at Croydon. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, informed the Grand Master that he had received a letter from Major Bond, to the effect that he should not be present to move his resolution—"That the Fund of Benevolence be decentralised so far as the Provinces are concerned, and that a moiety of the subscriptions now transmitted to Grand Lodge by the country Lodges be paid direct into the several Provincial Grand Lodges for the purpose of meeting the numerous local claims for immediate relief which are now so constantly made to those bodies." The appeal of Bro. Charles Edward Torrance, P.M. of the St. George's Lodge, No. 440, Montreal, was brought up and explained by Bro. McIntyre, who moved its dismissal. This was seconded by Bro. James Mason P.G.S.B., and carried. The result of the election for the Board of General Purposes was declared as follows, at the closing of Grand Lodge :—W. Masters: Bros. Dr. Brodie 162, C. Harding 153, W. C. Beaumont 151, J. R. Cassell 137, G. C. Andrew 123, J. W. Waldron 108, H. T. Steward 107. Past Masters. Frank Green 150, W. Stephens 140, Charles Atkins 131, H. Bishop 130, J. G. Stevens 122, W. H. Smallpeice 119, and John Messent 109.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held its usual meeting at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 28th ultimo. Present—Bros. Gilham W.M., A. Perl S.W., Weeden J.W., C. Lorkin acting Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, R. M. Jones S.D., Parkes J.D., Money I.G.; also Bros. S. E. Moss, Houghton, Spencer, E. Woodman, Kent, Patrick, B. Mullord, Clark, Fysh, &c. Lodge having been duly opened the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Clark acting as candidate. Lodge was called off and on. Bro. Clark gave proofs of his proficiency as an E.A., and was duly entrusted. Lodge being advanced, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Clark candidate. Bro. Lorkin gave the Lecture on the Tracing-board in a very excellent manner. Lodge was resumed. Bro. Perl was elected to preside at the next meeting. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed on the last Saturday in June.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—Temporarily held at the Old King's Head, Baker's-row, Whitechapel-road, E., on Friday, the 20th ult.. Bro. I. P. Cohen, as W.M., was supported by Bros. Loane S.W., Taverner J.W., Richardson Deacon, Past Masters Job, Musto Secretary, Cundick Preceptor, Barnes; also Bros. Chappell, Stephens, Eschwege, Clayton, &c. Lodge having been duly opened and the minutes read and confirmed, was advanced. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Job candidate. The W.M. worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, Tuesday, 24th May. P.M. Musto W.M., Myers S.W., Rawe J.W., Pavitt I.G.; also Bros. Smith, McGeorge, Roddam, Day, Bourn, Bailey, Buck, Watkins, &c. Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes were read. The Lodge opened in the second degree, when the sections of the lecture were worked by the following brethren :—1st, Bros. Rawe; 2nd, Pavitt; 3rd, Myers; 4th, Smith; 5th, Pavitt. Lodge opened in the third degree, when Bro. Rawe worked the first section of that lecture. Lodge closed in the three degrees.

On Tuesday, 31st ult., Bro. Myers W.M., Johnson S.W., Smith J.W., Day I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Musto Preceptor; Bros. Watkins, McGeorge, Bourn, Darel, and Edney W.M. of the Doric Lodge 933. After preliminaries, the ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. Myers, who inducted Bro. Darel W.M. of 1349 into the chair of K.S; the charges were beautifully rendered. Lodge closed down, when Bro. Worsley worked the fourth, and Bro. Myers the fifth section of the lecture. Bro. Ives was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when this Lodge of Instruction, notwithstanding the holidays, will hold its regular meeting. Brethren, whose regular fountains of instruction are in a stage of repose, consequent upon the hot weather, should drop in at the pleasant quarters of the Friars Lodge; they will find a comfortable room, genial companions, and competent instructors.

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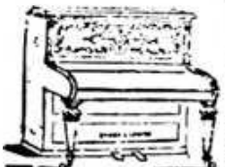
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WE have received, and acknowledge fraternally, copy of Proceedings of G. L of Massachusetts at certain Special Communications held on 14th and 19th January respectively, and at the Quarterly Communication on 9th March. The meeting on 14th January was held in Winchester for the purpose of consecrating to Masonic purposes the new quarters of the William Parkman Lodge, and the subsequent installation of the newly-elected officers. That on the 19th of the same month was convened for the consecration of the new Masonic Hall of King David Lodge, at Taunton. Grand Master S. C. Lawrence presided on both occasions, and in both instances Grand Lodge was most hospitably entertained at t e end of the proceedings. At the regular Quarterly Communication on 9th March, Bro. S. C. Lawrence G.M. occupied the throne, and among the G. Officers who were present to support him were Bros. Edwin Wright D.G.M., F. Lyman Winship G. S. Warden, Nathan S. Kimball G.J. Warden, Tracy P. Cheever Recording Grand Secretary, George P. Sanger Corresponding G. Secretary, the D.D.G. Masters of the majority of the Districts, Rev. Joshua Young G. Chaplain, W. D. Coolidge, Charles C. Dame, W. S. Gardner, Sereno D. Nickerson, R. L. Everett, and C. A. Welch Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of ninety-nine Lodges. The special feature of the gathering was the reading of the Report on the late Past G. Master Heard which, it is needless to say, was couched in eulogistic language, but at the same time in language that was no more than justly complimentary. So highly, indeed, do we think of this Report that we give elsewhere some particulars of the account contained therein. The other business being purely of local interest it is unnecessary we should give particulars. Suffice it to say, that everything passed off in the most satisfactory manner possible, and Grand Lodge having been closed in ample form, the brethren dispersed, highly edified with all they had heard and seen at the Communication.

FREEMASONRY IN RHODE ISLAND.

THE Ninety-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island was held at Masons' Hall, Providence, on Monday, the 16th May. Most Worshipful Brother E. L. Freeman Grand Master occupied the throne, and was supported by a very numerous gathering of Past and Present Grand Officers, and representatives of the Lodges in the jurisdiction, among them being Past Grand Masters Bros. Johnson, Hutchison, Van Slyck, and Cutler, while the principal absentee was Past Grand Master Doyle, who is still suffering from the effects of an accident he met with some months ago. The reports of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Finance Committee were presented and adopted, the last two being of the most satisfactory character, and showing that, as regards its finances, the Grand Lodge was in a most admirable condition. In the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence it was recommended that the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales should not be recognised as an independent organisation, and the recommendation was unhesitatingly adopted The report of the Library Committee was likewise presented and adopted, the sum of two hundred dollars being appropriated for the wants of the current year. We would remark, in passing, that, considering the limited area of the Masonic jurisdiction of Rhode Island, the grant of so considerable a sum as £40 towards the requirements of the Grand Lodge speaks volumes for the interest taken by our Rhode Island brethren in Craft literature, especially when we bear in mind the fact that the wealthy Grand Lodge of England, with its 1800 active Lodges, and 10,000 initiates per annum, has magnificently resolved on appropriating annually the enormous sum of £25 towards improving the resources of its library. The mother Grand Lodge of the world doles out £25 yearly in promoting Masonic literature! The Grand Lodge of the smallest of the United States of America spends £40 on the same beneficent object. Comment is unnecessary. The other business included the delivering of the customary addresses by the Grand Master, and the election of Grand Officers, the chief of whom included Bros. Thomas Vincent Most Worshipful Grand Master, George M. Carpenter jun. Deputy Grand Master, James M. Davis Grand Senior Warden, Robert S. Franklin Grand Junior Warden, Clinton D. Sellew Grand Treasurer, Edwin Baker Grand Secretary, Rev. H. Rugg Grand Chaplain, Benjamin A. Reynolds Grand Senior Deacon, and W. H. Perry Grand Junior Deacon. We may add that the Grand Secretary was requested to procure a Past Grand Master's jewel and apron, to be presented to the retiring Grand Master, Bro. Freeman, in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Craft in Rhode Island during his tenure of the Grand Mastership. As to the Grand Master's address, it proved to be a most eloquent, and at the same time satisfactory, exposition of the work accomplished by Bro. Freeman during the period he had presided over the destinies of Freemasonry in his State. Such addresses are almost unknown in England, but they undoubtedly have a value, and those of our readers who would like to judge for themselves as to the character of the speeches will do well to consult the pages of the *Freemasons' Repository*, to which we are indebted for the above particulars.

THE LATE BRO. JOHN T. HEARD P.G. MASTER MASSACHUSETTS.

WE refer elsewhere to the Report of the Committee appointed last December by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to draw up a memorial sketch of the late Bro. John T. Heard P.G. Master of that jurisdiction; and considering the valuable services our deceased brother rendered to the cause of Freemasonry, we cannot do better than give a short summary of the particulars the Committee have succeeded in compiling. Bro. Heard was born in Boston in May 1809, and consequently at the time of his death in December 1880 had exceeded his seventy-first year. His maternal grandfather, John Perkins, a charter member of Columbian Lodge, Boston, was initiated into Freemasonry in St. John's Lodge, Boston, in 1766, and died in Waldoborough, Me., about the year 1824. Bro. Heard himself was initiated in Columbian Lodge, on 20th February 1825. In 1846 he filled the office of Junior Deacon, and from that time forward, with the exception of the years 1848 and 1849, until his retirement from the Grand Mastership, in December 1859, he was continually in office in his own, or in Grand Lodge. Thus, in 1851 and 1852 he was Grand Marshal, and in the same years Junior and Senior Warden respectively in Columbian Lodge. In 1854 and 1855 he presided as W.M., and raised as many as sixty-eight candidates.

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During his Grand Senior Wardenship, in 1856, Bro. Heard obtained from a grandson of Henry Price a portrait of that distinguished Craftsman, the first Prov. Grand Master of Massachusetts, and by many regarded as the father of Freemasonry in the United States. This portrait was in a very dilapidated state when it passed into Bro. Heard's possession, but he had it restored and presented it to Grand Lodge, where it remained hanging until the disastrous fire of 5th April 1864, which destroyed Freemasons' Hall. In December of the same year, in consequence of the Grand Master Lewis declining to be re-elected, it became necessary for the brethren to make choice of a successor, and the result was that Bro. Heard was unanimously appointed to that office, which he held with the very greatest credit to himself and advantage to the Craft during the years 1857, 1858, and 1859. In 1857, he inaugurated with Masonic honours a marble statue of General Warren on the eighty-second anniversary of the battle of Bunker's Hill. On 2nd October 1858, he laid the foundation stone of Minot's Ledge Lighthouse, and the same year revived the annual feast on the celebration of St. John the Evangelist. In 1859 he laid the corner stone of the Plymouth Monument to the Pilgrim Fathers, and dedicated the apartments then about to be used as Freemasons' Hall. He was also instrumental in purchasing the Winthrop House Estate, on which the present Temple stands. In 1870 he exerted himself in procuring portraits of Grand Masters in the place of those which had been destroyed by fire in 1864, and also prepared and presented a most elaborate and exhaustive report on the Montague question. In 1875 he contributed a grand memorial notice, filling two hundred and fifty pages, of the late Past Grand Master Lewis, while in 1874 and 1875 he contributed to the pages of the *New England Freemason* the series of papers, severally entitled "Old London Taverns Identified with Freemasonry," "Presents to the Grand Lodge of England," and "Old Halls in London associated with Masonry." In fine, Bro. Heard was one of the ablest, most active, and most exemplary of Masons, and his loss must be deeply felt by all the Craftsmen in the jurisdiction with which he was connected for upwards of five-and-thirty years, and over which he presided so satisfactorily for a period of three years. Better, however, than all the dry details of his eventful life are the two following anecdotes, for which we are indebted to the memoir prepared by the Committee of Massachusetts Lodge. We reproduce them verbatim and without comment. The first manifests his liberality, the second the firmness, breadth, and grandeur of his character.

"Soon after he went out of office," says the Memorial Committee, "he met one of the Grand Lecturers, who had been very diligent and efficient in carrying out the work already referred to. Bro. Heard inquired particularly as to his plans and his prospects, and especially whether he had all the money he required to carry on his business. The brother replied that he had all he needed for the time being. 'Well,' said Brother Heard, 'if you find yourself in want of more at any time, come and see me.' Some time after, the Brother, proposing an enlargement of his business, called on Brother Heard, and reminded him of their conversation. He was referred to the president of the bank where Brother Heard kept his account, and there the astonished brother found a credit opened for him to the amount of ten thousand dollars. Of this he availed himself, to his great advantage, and in due time acquitted himself of the pecuniary obligations."

It is the general belief that no one beyond the persons immediately concerned knew anything of these circumstances until after Brother Heard's death. The other incident is, in a certain sense, an even greater testimony to the merit of our late brother.

"Soon after his first installation as Master an incident occurred which showed the character of the man. The Secretary of the Lodge (our late Grand Treasurer), who was an older Mason than Brother Heard, and had been for eight years in office, had procured a dispensation which was likely to be required, thinking thereby to facilitate the business of the Lodge and aid the new Master. When the name of the new candidate concerned came up, the Secretary informed the Master that there need be no delay in that case, as he had procured a dispensation from the Grand Master, which he presented. To this the Master replied that, while he had no doubt that the Secretary had acted from the best of motives and with the best intentions, it should be distinctly understood that it was the province of the Master to decide when the interposition of the Grand Master was required, and to ask for it when needed; and he requested the Secretary to remember that in future the Worshipful Master would discharge both of those duties. This was presenting the subject in a new light, and the Secretary was not only astonished, but indignant. With his usual impulsiveness and frankness, he replied that, as in his effort to forward the work of the Lodge, he had only succeeded in giving offence to the Worshipful Master, he believed he did not understand his business, and he begged leave to resign his office. To this Brother Heard answered, 'Not so, my brother. There is no offence, and you must not resign your office. You will continue to discharge its duties, as you have so acceptably for so many years, and in my station I will strive to emulate your fidelity. When I lay down my office I shall deem myself very fortunate and happy if I shall have proved as faithful and as useful in my station as you in yours." There the subject dropped. Master and Secretary worked together in perfect harmony for two years, and at the end of that time both went out of office, the Secretary after a service of ten years."

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Lieut.-Col. J. Creaton, Grand Treasurer (in the Chair), A. H. Tattershall, S. Rawson, A. F. A. Woodford, W. Hale, J. M. Case, Raynham W. Stewart, Charles Daniel, James Kench, William Stephens, James Brett, Charles G. Hill, Thomas W. C. Bush, J. A. Farnfield, W. Hilton, John G. Stevens, Charles Atkins, Charles John Perceval, James Willing jun., Thomas Cubitt, William Clarke, and James Terry (Secretary). Bro. Terry informed the Committee that the election of the Committee of Management of the Institution had taken place in Grand Lodge the previous Wednesday, and that, with the exception of Bro. C. F. Hogard, who requested to resign, and in whose place Bro. Bush was elected, the Committee were the same as last year. The Committee, therefore, stands as follows:—

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE—Charles Atkins, James Brett, T. W. C. Bush, W. Clarke, C. A. Cottebrune, W. F. C. Montrie, G. Penn, A. H. Tattershall, H. G. Warren, and James Willing jun.

NOMINATED BY THE GRAND MASTER—S. Rawson, A. F. A. Woodford, Shadwell H. Clerke, H. S. S. Burney, R. H. Giraud, Jabez Hogg, E. J. Barron, N. G. Philips, W. F. Nettleship, and James Kench.

Bro. Terry reported the death of five annuitants, and read the Warden's Report for the last month. The List of Candidates elected on 20th May was taken as read, and authority was given to the Chairman to sign cheques. Bros. W. Hale, R. H. Giraud, and W. Stephens were re-elected on the Finance Committee; Bros. A. H. Tattershall and Charles Atkins were elected in place of Bros. C. F. Hogard and H. G. Warren, who wished to resign. Bros. J. A. Farnfield, Raynham W. Stewart, C. J. Perceval, T. Cubitt, and S. Rawson were re-elected on the House Committee. The widow of a deceased annuitant was granted half her late husband's annuity. On the application of Bro. Terry, the Committee granted the use of the Hall at the Institution at Croydon for the Summer Entertainment to the Old Folks, and voted the usual sum to aid the voluntary contributions of the brethren towards defraying the expenses of that entertainment. Four petitioners were then placed on the List of Candidates for the Election in May 1882. Bro. Terry read a communication he had received from Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, with respect to the Charitable Trusts' Bill now in Parliament. The letter stated that opposition was still required to the Bill, notwithstanding that some of its provisions had been modified. There were several objectionable features in it, one of which was a provision for transferring the funds and property of charitable institutions to official trustees. The opposition of this Institution was required to it. The Chairman stated that he had conferred with the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Leigh on the subject, and he found they were quite alive to the objections to the Bill. Their Lordships had promised to do all in their power to get rid of the objectionable features of the measure. The Committee then adjourned.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were in attendance Bros. Raynham W. Stewart (in the Chair), S. Rosenthal, J. G. Stevens, G. J. Row, Donald M. Dewar, Arthur E. Gladwell, Leopold Ruff, George J. Palmer, Rev. Richard Morris, Alfred Williams, H. M. Taylor, H. Massey, Richard Tyrrell, C. H. Webb, Frederick Adlard, W. Paas, George Motion, and F. Binckes (Secretary). The minutes of the former meeting having been read and confirmed, petitions in favour of seven candidates for the October Election were examined. Outfits were granted to two former pupils of the Institution who had obtained situations. The House Committee and Audit Committee were declared elected, and £250 was ordered to be transferred to the Sustentation Fund from the General Fund. No further business was before the Committee.

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CRYSTAL PALACE SUMMER SEASON.

VISITORS, both habitual and occasional, to the Crystal Palace have every reason to be gratified with the summer programme arranged for their entertainment and delectation. Indeed, they have already had a few opportunities in the course of the past and present months of judging whether or not the Directorate is likely to uphold the reputation for variety and excellence it has so deservedly obtained during the many years it has catered for the public, and with these to guide us, we are very much mistaken if, when the season is completed, the verdict is not enthusiastically in its favour. The series of Special Saturday Concerts have already been held, the fourth having taken place last Saturday, while for to-day will be given, by way of *finale*, a grand Rubinstein Concert. It is needless to say more respecting these than that among the vocalists figured the names of Madame Alwina Valleria, Mrs. Osgood, Miss Damian, Mr. Maas, Mr. Barton McGuckin, and Mr. F. King, and among the instrumentalists were Madame Sophie Menter, M. Carl Heymann, Mr. Franz Rummel. Saturday last was fixed for the Great Flower Show of the season, and on Thursday was opened the International Exhibition of Wool, Woollen Manufactures, Machinery, and Allied Industries. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who was accompanied by his wife, presided, and, as a matter of course, there was a very good attendance. There is no doubt whatever that from the number of native and foreign exhibitors, as well as from the quality of their exhibits, this exhibition will prove a very great attraction. Among the prizes that will be offered for competition are several gold medals by the Clothworkers' and Drapers' Companies, which thus show how deep is the interest they take in fostering and encouraging this important branch of industry. Among other more prominent attractions must be enumerated a new Panorama of the Siege of Paris, painted especially for the Crystal Palace Company, by M. Philippoteaux, the artist who painted the celebrated Panorama in the Champs Elysées at Paris. There is also an Electric Railway, constructed after Siemen's patent. The seventeenth annual Dog Show of the Kennel Club, which opened on Friday, the 3rd inst., remained open—Sunday, of course, excepted—till Tuesday, the 7th inst. Whit Monday—6th June—of course had a special programme of its own, and so ordered as to meet the different tastes of the multitudes which throng the Palace on that and other popular holidays. Thursday was the Centenary Fête of George Stephenson, in aid of the funds of the Railway Servants' Orphanage, Derby. On Wednesday next there will be the usual Volunteer Band Contest; on the 28th, Licensed Victuallers' School Dinner; and 29th June, London Sunday School Fête. On 2nd July will be held the National Rose Society's Show of Roses, and the German Gymnastic Society's Annual Display. On 4th July there will be a great gathering in aid of the Order of Comical Fellows' Friendly Society, while two days later—6th July—will be given the annual Fête in aid of the funds of that most useful and well-managed Institution the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage. There will be a grand Archery Fête on the 7th and 8th July; on the 16th the London School Board Fête, under the presidency of the Bishop of Manchester; and on the 20th July the annual Tonic Sol-fa Concert. In August, in addition to Bank Holiday, for which special arrangements will be made, must be mentioned the Foresters' Great Fête on the 23rd, and the Summer Fruit and Flower Show on the 29th, 30th, and 31st. These are among the remaining features announced for this season, but there will be in addition the usual theatrical performances, special Saturday Evening Concerts, from 9th July to 1st October inclusive; Balloon Ascents and Grand Displays of Fireworks, announcements of which will be advertised from time to time. It may be stated, in conclusion, as at the outset, that this Summer Programme will in all probability turn out a great success, and we trust the public will respond with alacrity to the many and liberal attractions offered them by the directors.

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York College.—On Wednesday, the 25th ultimo, a meeting of this College was held in Selby, a pleasant little market town, a few miles from York, whither the members had been invited, and where the Master and brethren of the St. Germain Lodge, 566, had placed at their disposal their comfortable Masonic Rooms. There were present the following Fratres:—T. B. Whytehead IX. Chief Adept, T. W. Holme VI. Celebrant, T. J. Wilkinson VI. as P.A., E. Pearson Paterson VI. S.A., J. T. Atkinson I. as T.A., R. W. Moore I. as Q.A., J. Mosley V. C. of N., A. T. B. Turner II. Organist, J. Todd I., W. Bakewell I., and C. S. Lane I. A number of letters and telegrams were read, from J. S. Cumberland, C. L. Mason, and other members, explaining their non-attendance. A successful ballot was taken for Bro. C. R. Fry P.M., of Darlington. Frater J. T. Atkinson read a most interesting paper on Selby, a town which has many historical reminiscences, especially dwelling upon the history of its Abbey, formerly one of the wealthiest of the religious houses in the North of England. The Masonic associations of the Abbey and the town were not lost sight of, and a vote of thanks was recorded to the worthy Frater for his paper. The First and Second Order Certificates issued by the High Council of the Society were distributed, and it was arranged, if possible, to hold the August meeting at Ripon, to include a visit to Fountain's Abbey. The names of two candidates were submitted to the College. After the close of College, the party were conducted over the beautiful Abbey Church by Frater Atkinson, and its principal architectural features pointed out, the Organist of the Church performed a selection of sacred music. Subsequently the members met at the Londesborough Arms Hotel for tea, and departed for their respective homes at Leeds, York, Bradford, &c., at an early hour.

THOUGHTS ABOUT THE CRAFT.

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FREEMASONRY is very old, but it is far from being a fossil. We even doubt whether it is yet in its prime. Neither is it a sort of "Wandering Jew," stalking down the centuries as a moving tombstone. Nor is it an animated mummy, or ghost of the past, having but a shadowy existence in the present. Freemasonry was never so powerful as it is to-day, never so highly esteemed, never so rich in means, men, and character. It is *the thing* to be a Mason—if you can. It associates you with the thinkers of the age, with the workers in the higher branches of mechanical, artistic and professional pursuits, with the men that make our laws, and the judges that construe them. Freemasons ably fill the most honourable stations in Church and State. The President in the White House, the Bishop in the Episcopal Chair, the Senator in Congress, the Justice on the Supreme Bench, the Governor of the Commonwealth, the Mayor of the Municipality—these are a few of the representative Freemasons of our time.

It may aptly be asked, what is it that suits Freemasonry to all latitudes, to all ages, to all conditions of men, from the king on his throne to the peasant in his cottage? Why is it that centuries expires while Freemasonry lives? our critics tell us that our Fraternity is antiquated, our traditions misty, our language dead, and our secret, exposed—and yet Freemasonry lives and flourishes. It is the liveliest corpse known to the centuries. If it has been galvanised into life, it has electrified the world.

Freemasonry satisfies two needs of man, one in the present and the other in the future. It gives him congenial fellowship here, and it reveals to him immortality hereafter. The Craft, in all ages and conditions, has possessed at least these two great features, without which it would have had neither origin, continuance, nor present existence. Trace it back to the remotest antiquity, through, if you please, the line of ascent of the ancient mysteries, and you invariably find these two principles characterizing it. Freemasonry exemplifies a rare combination of the practical and the theoretical; it provides for present enjoyment, while it stimulates hope for the future. Where is there such another human society?

But our critics say, it has its frauds and impostors. Probably true, but not at all astonishing. Whatever is valuable is counterfeited, from character down to money. Freemasons do not claim to be infallible, nor omniscient. They cannot certainly tell that every initiate is entirely what he professes to be, and his friends believe him to be, or that he will continue upright to the end of his life. Freemasonry necessarily has to assume some risks, and these risks sometimes result in losses—loss of character to individual Freemasons, and loss of honour to the Fraternity. But these things are of comparative insignificance, and unavoidable.

In referring to the past we are apt to say—there were giants in those days. So there were, and there are also giants now; but we are not ALL giants. Nevertheless, we are probably as good as our predecessors, and Freemasonry to-day is of as good report as it ever was at any epoch in its extended past.

A distinguished Freemason once said, "Freemasonry has been the friend of man, the longest tried, if not the best." Extravagant language, some may say. But let us see. We understand by the phrase, "the friend of man," the friend of the man who embraces its principles, and is initiated into its mysteries. It is the friend of its friends, and all may be its friends who are worthy of it. It is not a religion, and it does not profess to love its enemies. It pities them, but it does not necessarily love them. It is certainly "the longest tried friend of man." What existing institution, civil or religious, antedates Masonry, as it has come down to us in history and tradition? Freemasons belong emphatically to the first family, or society, of men. No other society claims so ancient a lineage. But is it "the best friend of man." This we do not insist upon. It is the friend, and the oldest friend, and it *may* be the best friend; that is enough.

Did it ever occur to you that Freemasonry has been the great Peace Society of all past time, and in its nature it must continue to be so throughout the future? Its mission is to spread brotherly love among men, and to congregate all its initiates into one family. Did the spirit of fraternity which it engenders universally prevail, the world would be on the eve of the millennium. Even in the smoke of battle, and amid the conflict of contending armies, Freemasonry asserts itself, and speaks peace to its Brethren. There is in the manual of arms of the Freemason a more powerful weapon than the two-edged sabre, the seven shooter, or the minie rifle.

Is it wonderful that Freemasons should grow eloquent and enthusiastic over such a Fraternity? and is it surprising that those who cannot, or will not, emulate its virtues, should misrepresent and vilify it? we may be sure of this: the good, the true, and the beautiful are destined to prevail, while the evil, the false and the monstrous are doomed to destruction. LET THEM DIE, AND LET THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEMASONRY LIVE FOR EVER.

The members of the Percy Lodge of Instruction have accepted an invitation from the members of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction to work the Fifteen Sections at the Cathedral Hotel, St. Pauls, E.C., on Monday, 27th June 1881.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Weary of Life.—Derangement of the liver is one of the most efficient causes of dangerous diseases and the most prolific of those melancholy forebodings which are worse than death itself. A few doses of these noted Pills act materially in dispelling low spirits and repelling the overt attacks made on the nerves by intemperance, impure atmospheres, over-indulgence, or exhausting excitement. The most shattered constitution may derive benefit from Holloway's Pills, which will regulate disordered action, brace the nerves, increase the energy of the intellectual faculties, and revive the failing memory. By attentively studying the instructions for taking these Pills, and obediently putting them in practice, the most despondent will soon feel confident of a perfect recovery.

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STATEMENT OF PROVINCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS, FOR THE SEPTENNIAL PERIOD 1875-81.

FOLLOWING up the plan we adopted in respect of the last Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, we have compiled a similar statement of the Provincial Contributions to the Royal Benevolent Institution for Girls during the seven years 1875 to 1881, both inclusive. It will doubtless be noticed by our readers that Yorkshire heads the list in this case likewise as regards the aggregate of its contributions, Middlesex being a good second, with Gloucestershire next; then Kent, and then, pretty closely together, West Lancashire, Staffordshire, Berks and Bucks, and Wilts. The conspicuous absentee from all the Festivals of this Institution is Northumberland, which has, however, figured well at the Boys' Anniversaries, and which, we hope, will be still more brilliantly represented at the Festival on the 29th instant. It will be noticed also that very many of the Provinces, such as Berks and Bucks, Cheshire, Kent, the two Lancashires, Middlesex, North Wales and Salop, Oxford, Suffolk, Surrey, Sussex, Warwickshire, and West Yorkshire, make a point of being represented regularly. We shall merely add that the figures are taken from the official lists furnished to us by the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls the morrow of each Festival, and are the same, therefore, as we have dealt with in our Analyses. We state further that the chair on the several occasions was taken by the following distinguished members of the Craft, namely:—In 1875, Lord Mayor David Stone Grand Junior Warden; in 1876, Sir H. Edwards, Bart., Provincial Grand Master West Yorkshire; in 1877, Lord Suffield Provincial Grand Master Norfolk; in 1878, Lord Carnarvon Pro Grand Master and Provincial Grand Master Somersetshire; in 1879, Colonel Creaton Grand Treasurer; in 1880, His Royal Highness Prince Leopold Provincial Grand Master Oxon; and in 1881, Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master Gloucestershire. The grand total is £33,396 5s 1d, and gives us as nearly as possible an average per Festival of £4,771.

	1875	1876	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	Total]
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Beds	...	...	...	...	...	48 6 0	...	48 6 0
Berks and Bucks	75 2 0	141 15 0	114 9 0	217 5 0	71 18 6	506 14 0	122 19 0	1250 2 6
Bristol	66 13 6	...	...	...	37 16 0	216 6 0	...	320 15 6
Cambridgeshire	...	...	...	5 5 0	...	...	...	5 5 0
Cheshire	21 0 0	73 10 0	10 10 0	134 8 0	356 4 0	151 4 0	129 3 11	875 19 11
Cornwall	...	...	...	...	378 0 0	...	...	378 0 0
Cumberland and Westmoreland	...	...	...	...	...	375 7 0	...	375 7 0
Derbyshire	10 10 0	...	...	21 8 6	63 0 0	...	63 0 0	157 18 6
Devonshire	...	5 15 6	52 10 0	29 10 6	265 12 0	141 10 0	201 7 8	696 5 8
Dorsetshire	...	...	180 12 0	116 11 0	...	95 0 0	122 17 0	515 0 0
Durham	...	...	286 2 6	...	227 17 0	178 10 0	121 15 6	814 5 0
Essex	86 6 6	...	37 9 0	40 13 9	...	237 8 0	221 3 0	623 0 3
Gloucestershire	...	...	222 12 0	229 16 6	312 19 0	358 1 0	1000 0 0	2123 8 6
Hants and I. of Wight	...	21 0 0	...	117 12 0	99 15 6	162 15 0	182 6 0	583 8 6
Herefordshire	...	...	...	10 10 0	...	...	...	10 10 0
Herts	17 17 0	...	143 16 6	68 5 0	144 2 0	78 15 0	99 11 0	552 6 6
Kent	142 3 0	135 2 6	175 4 6	77 7 0	418 13 6	571 10 6	340 13 0	1860 14 0
Lancashire, E.	42 0 0	11 11 0	89 5 0	74 0 0	285 1 0	62 5 0	197 18 6	762 0 6
" W.	63 11 0	6 11 0	310 16 0	90 13 6	594 17 0	46 14 6	276 3 0	1389 6 0
Leicestershire and Rutland	...	...	...	233 16 0	...	73 10 0	228 6 0	535 12 0
Lincolnshire	63 0 0	543 14 0	52 10 0	...	21 0 0	73 10 0	...	753 14 0
Middlesex	581 19 0	711 12 0	744 4 6	177 3 6	347 0 6	424 1 0	307 3 3	3293 3 9
Monmouthshire	464 10 0*	...	...	15 15 0	63 0 0	147 0 0	31 10 0	721 15 0
Norfolk	...	...	210 0 0	...	...	108 2 0	111 6 0	429 8 0
North Wales and Salop	90 6 0	11 11 0	27 6 0	10 10 0	66 3 0	164 7 6	89 5 0	459 8 6
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" West Div.	†	...	...	236 5 0	...	...	300 0 0	536 5 0
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GRAND TOTAL — £33,396 5s 1d.

* Includes S. Wales E. and W. ‡ Amount not stated. † See Monmouthshire.

We beg to remind those of our readers who take an interest in the establishment of the Mont Dore at Bournemouth that Monday next, the 13th instant, is the last day on which it will be possible for them to send in applications for shares; and as there seems to be every reason to anticipate that the scheme will turn out to be prosperous, they will do well not to let slip the opportunity of obtaining now, at par, what some time hence they may find it impossible to obtain except at a considerable premium. As we gave such full particulars of the project last week, we need not be at the pains of renewing our consideration of the subject. We may as well, however, point out, as is stated in our advertisement columns, that the establishment of the Mont Dore in question has been taken in hand by a limited company, with a proposed capital of £75,000, in 15,000 shares of £5 each. It is being organised under special medical authority. The Honorary Patron is Sir F. Wyatt Truscott, Past G.J. Warden of England. The Medical Council includes Bro. Alfred Meadows, M.D., Physician Accoucheur St. Mary's Hospital; Horace Dobell, Esq., M.D.; Barnard Holt, Esq., F.R.C.S.—the former being the late Senior Physician Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, and the latter Consulting Surgeon of the Westminster Hospital—A. Ernest Sansom, Esq., M.D., Senior Physician N.E. Hospital for Children; and John C. Thorowgood, Esq., M.D., Physician City of London Hospital for Chest Diseases. The Managing Director we have already announced as Mr. Dacre Trevor-Roper, and the Secretary is Mr. T. C. Pocock, of whom all necessary information may be obtained, at the Offices, 18 Abingdon-street, Westminster, S.W. An important feature, as testifying to the undoubted interest taken in the scheme by the profession, will be found in the fact, more than half of the present shareholders are medical men: this shows their firm belief in its success. However, those who need more explicit information will obtain it at the headquarters of the Company, as stated.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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UNITY LODGE, No 171.

THE installation meeting of the above flourishing Lodge was held on the 7th inst., at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich. Bros. E. Phillips W.M., W. H. Bateman P.M. 12 S.W., Goodinge J.W., C. Harcourt P.M. Treasurer, J. Clever jun. P.M. Sec., Fenn S.D. P.M.'s Bros. J. Clever and Whiteley. Visitors—Bros. W. Taylor P.M. 1503, W. J. Beedell J.W. 12, H. W. Davis 266, W. Kibble J.W. 1426, C. Stevens J.D. 1793, C. A. Betts 46, J. Glenn 19, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. After the Lodge had been formally opened, and the minutes confirmed, ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. N. H. Davis and W. T. Birmingham. The result being unanimously in their favour, both were duly initiated into the Order in a very excellent manner. The bye-laws were read, also the report of the Audit Committee, the latter showing the Lodge to be in flourishing condition; there being a balance of £111 8s 6d in favour of the Lodge, while the Charity Fund has £27 5s 7d in hand. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. W. H. Bateman P.M. 12, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to the Lodge, and in due course inducted into the chair by Bro. J. Clever P.M. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to ancient form and he in appropriate terms appointed and invested his Officers—Bros. E. Phillips I.P.M., Goodinge S.W., Fenn J.W., C. Harcourt P.M. Treas., J. Clever jun. P.M. Secretary, Wendover S.D., Loring J.D., Hildyard I.G. The addresses were perfectly and most impressively delivered. A sum of five guineas was awarded to Bro. W. Smith the Tyler, who retires on account of ill-health. Bro. Goddard P.M. was elected Tyler in his place. Bro. Clever proposed that at the next meeting Bro. Phillips I.P.M. be presented with a gold P.M.'s jewel, for the able manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair, and as a token of the regard and esteem in which he is held by every member of the Lodge. This was seconded by Bro. Whiteley and carried unanimously. Hearty good wishes were tendered by the visiting brethren, and Lodge was closed until the first Tuesday in July. The brethren sat down to a very sumptuous and *récherché* banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. W. T. Ball. The banquet-room overlooked the river, and the weather having cleared up, the brethren appreciated the view that lay before them. Good feeling and harmony prevailed; the W.M., a P.M. of No. 12, knows his duties thoroughly, and makes a good president. Grace was sung by Miss Maud Longhurst, R.A.M., Mrs. Chas. Stevens, and Bros. Chas. Stevens and W. J. Beedell. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. The National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was sung by Miss Maud Longhurst. Bro. Phillips P.M. proposed the toast of the W.M., which to him was a duty that gave great pleasure: the brethren had many of them seen the working of their W.M. in Masonry in another Lodge; he is likewise an ardent worker for the Charities, all knew how successful he had been on their behalf. The gathering of this evening, under his able presidency, augured a good future for the Lodge. The Worshipful Master in reply said it afforded him great pleasure to hold the position of Wor. Master of this Lodge; during his year of office he should make it a rule to give them very short speeches, but they might rely on having good harmony to make up the balance. If he fulfilled the duties of the chair in the same manner as the brother who had preceded him, he thought it would be a source of pleasure to the members; in any case, however, he hoped to give them satisfaction. Bro. Clever P.M. then (by permission of the W.M.) proposed the toast of the Initiates. He was pleased to do so, he having enrolled two members who he was sure would keep up the dignity of this great and noble Order. Bro. Davis, of Birmingham, in brief terms responded; and then the W.M. paid a compliment to the visitors. There were eight present. He would call on his old and valued friend, Bro. Davis No 266, to reply. This brother, in response, remarked how pleased he had been to see his son initiated in this Lodge, where he was sure he would find every tenet in Freemasonry carried out to its fullest extent. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Installing Master, Bro. J. Clever, who had ably performed that ceremony. One and all were grateful to him for his valuable assistance, not only on this but many former occasions. To is latter remark also applied to the Past Masters generally, who were always pleased to give their assistance. Bro. Clever said it had afforded him great pleasure to instal Bro. Bateman for the second time into the chair. He congratulated the Brethren on having such a respected Brother to rule over them; he felt it a great honour his having introduced their present Master as a joining member of the Lodge. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary came next; the Lodge might be congratulated on having such brethren as Bros. Harcourt and Clever jun to fill the posts. The former brother responded. In speaking to the toast of the Masonic Charities, the W.M. regretted the absence of their esteemed friend, Bro. James Terry P.P.G.W. Herts., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He is generally present at this annual meeting, and all are pleased to see him. The three Cities ought not to be forgotten on these occasions. He (the W.M.) had accepted a Steward-ship for the next Anniversary Festival. He would call on Bro. H. M. Levy to respond. Bro. Levy likewise regretted the absence of Bro. Terry, who would have given them statistical details of the Institutions, and the grand results of the Festivals that had already been held. Bro. Levy urged the brethren to support the notice of motion to have elections twice a year, the same as the two Scholastic Institutions, so that our poorer brethren and their widows might not have to wait the twelve weary months for a chance of admission into the Institution. He trusted Bro. Terry would be here on the next occasion. The toast of the Wardens and Officers of the Lodge came next, and then Bro. Phillips P.M. proposed the toast of the Ladies and Miss ex. Brethren, Miss Longhurst and Mr. Charles Stevens, Bros. C. Stevens and Bedwell, who had so ably conduced to the harmony of the evening. Bro. Stevens made a suitable response. The brethren then separated and returned to town, after passing a very delightful evening.

SIR HUGH MYDDELTON LODGE, No. 1602.

THE installation meeting of this young and prosperous Lodge was held at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Friday, 27th ultimo. There was a very strong muster of the Officers and members, the chair being occupied by Bro. John Weston W.M. There was also a very numerous gathering of visitors, among whom we noticed Bros. G. W. Gilham P.M. 1632, W. H. Rohrs W.M. 946, George H. Hunter P.M. 1298, T. J. Bird J.W. 1807, James Terry P. Prov. G.J.W. Herts, P.M. 228, J. G. Humphreys S.D. 167, James Kew P.M. 179, C. Daniel P.M. 65, Wm. Stephens P. Prov. G.D.C. Middlesex, R. H. Halford Prov. G.S.D. Herts, J. W. Hobbs P.M. 749, J. L. Cogan P.M. 1365, S. B. Haley P.M. 45, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, Egbert Roberts Organist 1623, Dillon 1567, and R. Pearcy P.M. 228. The Lodge having been opened with the accustomed formalities, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Report of the Audit Committee was next submitted and approved; it showed the Lodge, as regards its finances, was in a most flourishing condition. Brother H. Harris having been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in a most masterly and impressive manner, Bro. John Osborn S.W. and W.M. elect was formally presented to the Worshipful Master, in order to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, and having duly signified in the usual way his assent to the ancient charges of Freemasonry, and all below the grade of Past Master having withdrawn, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Osborn was installed by his immediate predecessor in the chair, Bro. Weston, who fulfilled his task in a manner which did him infinite credit. The brethren who had withdrawn having been re-admitted, and the customary salutations in the several degrees having been given, Bro. Osborn appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year, namely:—Bros. W. Morris S.W., W. Poulton J.W., C. Hollidge Treasurer (elected), R. Allison Secretary, J. Greenfield S.D., Oppenheim J.D., E. Payne I.G., Sarter D.C., Heyne W.S., R. G. Thomas Organist, and Steedman Tyler. The resignation of Bro. E. Percy having been accepted with regret, the remaining business was despatched, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren then adjourned to that famous hostelry, "Ye Cock at Highbury," where a sumptuous banquet was placed on the table by that worthiest of worthy hosts, Bro. Baker, to the excellence of whose bill of fare the best possible testimony was rendered by all present. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the Worshipful Master, a few appropriate remarks being offered in commendation of each. Bro. Weston I.P.M. then assumed the gavel with a view to proposing the health of Bro. Osborn. In fulfilling his task, Bro. Weston spoke in terms of warm but well-deserved praise of the admirable manner in which the Worshipful Master had comported himself in the various offices he had held in the Lodge. The zeal and ability he had displayed during his Masonic career, he considered, fully justified him in looking forward to a year of great prosperity for the Sir Hugh Myddelton, albeit they had every reason to be proud of what had been done during the five years of its existence. Still he felt convinced not only that Bro. Osborn would uphold the dignity of the chair, but would hand over the Lodge, at the conclusion of his year of office, to his successor in a highly efficient and prosperous state. He congratulated him on the attainment of the main object of his Masonic ambition. He had made a good selection of Officers, who, he knew, would do their work most loyally, and he trusted the members would show their appreciation of Bro. Osborn's merits by cordially supporting him on all occasions when the Lodge was wont to meet. Bro. Osborn, in acknowledging the toast, expressed his warmest thanks to Bro. Weston for the handsome manner in which he had spoken of his slight services to Freemasonry, and to the members and guests who had so cordially endorsed all that he (Bro. Weston) had said in his favour. He was afraid he could not accept in their entirety the very eulogistic terms in which his predecessor had spoken of him, but he claimed at all events to have done his best to discharge his duty in the different positions he had been called upon to fill. He should do his utmost to carry out the still more arduous duties he was now expected to discharge, and he sincerely trusted that when it fell to his lot to give an account of his stewardship, it would be found he had done his best in furthering the interests of the Lodge. He then expressed the very great pleasure he experienced in finding that his first duty of any moment was to present Bro. Weston with a Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted him by the Lodge, as a slight recognition of his services in the chair. The I.P.M. had done his work most successfully, and he (the Worshipful Master) could only hope that his own year of office would be as successful. Bro. Weston having acknowledged the gift in suitable terms, and having later on responded to his health as Installing Master, the toast of the Visitors was given and drunk with acclamation, and several of their number expressed their hearty thanks for the very cordial welcome they had met with. The Past Masters, all of whom were present on the occasion, having been honoured, Bro. James Terry was called upon to respond for the Masonic Charities, and it is needless to say "A Zealous Officer" made a very effective speech in reply. He spoke of the success of the recent Festival of the Girls' School, and expressed a hope that the Anniversary of the Boys' School, which was about to be held at Brighton, would bring the charitable Masonic year to a brilliant close. The other toasts having been duly honoured, the brethren rose and dispersed homewards, after having spent a most enjoyable evening. We must not close our report without congratulating the brethren of the Sir Hugh Myddelton on the result of their installation meeting. Nothing appeared to have been omitted in order to give the necessary *éclat* to the gathering, and what with a splendid banquet, a strong master of jovial brethren, some excellent singing, and good speeches, it is not to be wondered at that everything should have passed off so well. The musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. Thomas, who himself presided at the piano, while the vocal portions of the entertainment was entrusted to Miss Millie Austin and Bros. Moar Adams and Egbert Roberts, all of whom acquitted themselves famously. Nor, moreover, must it be supposed that the

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meeting passed off without some reference to the remarks of "Bro. E. Van Donop," which appeared some time since in our columns, and the remonstrances they evoked from Bro. Sims P.M. What was said, however, was said in the kindliest spirit, and most temperately, so that nothing whatever happened to jar on the general satisfaction. One special feature of the evening we had almost overlooked, this was the recital, by Bro. Edward G. Sim P.M., of an exceedingly telling, but rather lengthy, dramatic production—"One niche the higher." The company testified, by their applause, to the fervency and ability which our esteemed brother threw into the heavy task he had undertaken.

CRYSTAL PALACE LODGE, No. 742.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, on Thursday, 2nd instant, on which occasion Bro. John Blundell was installed into the chair of K.S. Bro. Dick Radclyffe the W.M. having opened the Lodge, the business of the day was proceeded with. This comprised, amongst other matters, the balloting for, as a joining member, of Bro. D. C. E. Lake, of the Earl of Zetland Lodge, No. 1364, and the passing of Bro. W. H. Toten to the second degree. The Reports of the Audit Committee, and of the Benevolent Fund Committee, were submitted and duly received. From the former, we learn that the Lodge has a considerable balance in hand, and that at the time of audit all liabilities of the Lodge had been duly met, nor were there any subscriptions or fees in arrear. This is not the first occasion on which the Secretary has successfully striven for a clean bill on the occasion of the annual meeting, and we think great credit is due to him for the praiseworthy efforts he makes to keep the accounts of the Lodge in so satisfactory a manner. The balance to the credit of the Benevolent Fund account is also considerable, and we are pleased to notice that some practical use has been made of it during the past year, although we trust it may be long ere another call has to be made upon its funds. The installation was in due course proceeded with, Bro. Blundell being placed in the chair according to ancient custom, and appointing the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. F. Orme S.W., G. Cole J.W., T. Foxall P.M. Treasurer, W. Land P.M. Sec., E. Ayres S.D., F. A. Pullen J.D., J. Newcomb I.G., N. A. Starkey D.C., W. Seymour Smith Org., W. J. Lassam Steward, and J. Woodstock Tyler. The ceremony was then completed. Advantage was taken of the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught to the Crystal Palace—where he was engaged with the Duchess in opening an exhibition of woollen manufactures—to tender the fraternal greetings of the brethren, and accordingly the following letter was sent to H.R.H.:—

"The Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of the Crysal Palace Lodge of Freemasons, No. 742, now assembled in the Crystal Palace, have the honour to present fraternal greetings to the Right Worshipful His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught P.G.W. &c. &c. &c., and respectfully beg permission to pledge a special toast to their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught.

"Crystal Palace, Sydenham, 2nd June 1881."

His Royal Highness was pleased to accede to this request, and in due course, after the banquet, the special toast was honoured most enthusiastically. A vote was made from the funds of the Lodge towards erecting a monument to the memory of one of the founders, and a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Radclyffe as a memento of his year of office in the Lodge. The W.M. then concluded the proceedings, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served and enjoyed by all present. At its conclusion and after grace, the Worshipful Master gave the usual toasts. The first was that of the Queen and the Craft. The Queen, the W.M. said, was a great promoter of the benefits of Freemasonry, and had on many occasions showed her appreciation of the doings of the Craft. The next toast was that of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Grand Master. The brethren all knew him as a very energetic Mason. The W.M. had no doubt but that His Royal Highness would attend much more to the duties of Freemasonry were it not that the Queen, having in a measure retired, he had to fulfil many duties that should naturally fall to the lot of Her Majesty. The health of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers followed, and with it was coupled the name of Bro. Cottebrune, who considered it a very distinguished honour to have the good fortune to be called upon to return thanks for so important a body. Many years ago he had had the pleasure of visiting the Crystal Palace Lodge, and since then had borne in mind the heartiness with which he had been received. As regarded the Grand Officers, for whom he had to respond, he would merely say that they one and all were happy to assist, and contribute so far as they were able to the well ruling of the whole Craft. The health of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught was proposed from the chair. The Duke had, the Worshipful Master said, been very active in respect to Freemasonry. But a few days since he was at Portsmouth, where he fulfilled a very important position in Freemasonry. This and many other matters he had undertaken only proved that he was a good Mason, although but a young one. He was sure that in the future he would occupy a prominent position, as did his brother the Prince of Wales. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Visitors, expressed the pleasure he felt at seeing so many guests around the table. He looked upon it as a flattering compliment to himself. Bro. Marks was the first to reply. He had experienced a great amount of pleasure at being present to witness the installation of his very old friend, Bro. Blundell, who, he was sure, would perform his duties to the credit of the Lodge. Bro. Cutbush followed. The present was not the first time he had had the pleasure of enjoying the hospitality of the Crystal Palace Lodge. He had never been received anywhere so kindly as he had been by the members. He expressed the pleasure he experienced in seeing his old friend Bro. Dick Radclyffe fulfilling the office of Master, and was gratified that he had risen so high in the Craft. Bros. Farwig, Chambers, and others followed. Bro. Dick Radclyffe I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. The present was not the first time he had had the pleasure of addressing the members of the Crystal Palace Lodge, but it was the first time, and he might say the only time, he would be able to address them under similar circumstances. The toast he had to propose he considered really the toast of the evening, it being that of the W.M. Any words he might say in praise of Bro. Blundell could but be looked upon as refining gold. This remark being looked upon as personal to the W.M. was withdrawn by Bro. Radclyffe, who in place attempted the phrase, paint the lily—which, however, was treated as being as much of a personal character as his other quotation, and he was obliged to proceed without the use of similies. Looking through the list of Visitors, he saw so many accredited to Bro. Blundell, that he almost thought the W.M. had invited all. This proof if any was needed, was an ample one that the brethren had made a wise choice in placing him in the chair. Bro. Radclyffe concluded by hoping that the Master might have a most successful year of office. The Worshipful Master tendered his acknowledgments. He was very grateful to the Past Maters and brethren of the Crystal Palace Lodge for the great assistance they had given him in the various offices he had passed. He should certainly endeavour to carry out his duties to the satisfaction and for the welfare of the Lodge, and he trusted that at the end of his term of office he should have the confidence and esteem of every one of its members. He then proposed the health of the I.P.M. He felt that the mere mention of Bro. Radclyffe's name was sufficient to ensure him a hearty welcome in the Crystal Palace Lodge. The way in which he had devoted himself to the interests of the Craft reflected great credit on his mother Lodge. The W.M. believed Bro. Radclyffe had done great good, and had laid the foundation of a work which would rise and prove a boon to those who were unable to help themselves. Although he had met a slight rebuff at the outset, he hoped he might live to see his desires fulfilled. Bro. Radclyffe briefly replied. The Crystal Palace Lodge was, and he trusted ever would be, very dear to him. As regarded his humble endeavours in connection with a Pupils' Assistance Fund, he did not consider he had in any way failed. What he had done had resulted in a great amount of good, for now both the Boys' and the Girls' Schools had taken up the main feature of what he had been working for, while the province which at first most opposed the scheme had itself started a fund, adopting a title similar to that which but a few months since they had condemned. If there was any matter in which he could serve the Crystal Palace Lodge, he should be most happy to do so. He looked upon that day, on which he had been presented with a P.M.'s jewel, as one of the proudest of his life. The health of the Past Masters followed, to which Bros. Hume and Thompson replied. That of the Treasurer and Secretary was next given, and this was most heartily drunk. The toast of the Officers concluded the programme. A most enjoyable musical entertainment was provided, under the direction of Bro. Seymour Smith, who was assisted by Bros. John Hodges, G. T. Carter, and Albert Hubbard; altogether the meeting was a great success.

Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780.—The regular meeting was held on Friday, 27th May, at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, the following brethren being present:—B. E. Blasby W.M., C. S. Costelow S.W., L. Franckel J.W., Walter Goss P.M. Treasurer, W. Hilton P.M. Secretary, J. J. Gunner S.D., W. D. Becket J.D, J. G. Le Grys I.G., C. E. Botley D.C.; Past Masters W. Gomm and C. F. May. Visitors—Bros. F. Fletcher W.S. 1732, H. Hayes 1559, W. Munday 1532, W. Johnson P.M. 865, G. Phillips 1512, D. H. Sagg W.M. 452, J. Mountstephen P.M. 92, W. W. Morgan jun. Freemason's Chronicle. The business of the day comprised the raising of Bros. C. E. Daniell, Blasby, C. T. J. Hildersley, and J. M. Lucas; the passing of Bros. G. Jefferies, J. P. Flew, and Henry Bailey; and the initiation of Messrs. C. F. Emmott, E. Harrell, and G. E. Payne, all of which ceremonies were ably performed by the Worshipful Master. Bro. Goss, the Treasurer, signified his desire to relinquish the duties of that office at the close of the current year, in consequence of his time being so much occupied in the country. At the conclusion of the day's work the brethren adjourned to supper, when, under the presidency of Bro. Blasby, an enjoyable evening was spent, the usual toasts being given and acknowledged. Bro. Gomm proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. He considered the work performed during the evening was a credit to any Mason. He was very pleased to know they had a Master who displayed so much ability. In reply, the Worshipful Master tendered his thanks. The labours of the evening had been somewhat arduous, but he was only too pleased to fulfil the duties required of him. Since the day he joined Freemasonry he had been heart and soul in it. He had especially to thank the Past Masters for what they had done for him in the past, and then proceeded to propose their health. This having been acknowledged, the toast of the Initiates was given and duly acknowledged. Other toasts followed, the proceedings not being brought to a conclusion until a late hour.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 24th May, at the Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury-pavement. Bros. Buck W.M., Blenkhorn S.W., Hepburn J.W., C. G. Sparrow Secretary, Pitt S.D., Hunter I.G., and others. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cuthbertson candidate. Bro. Butler then offered himself as a candidate, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge opened in third, and closed to third and then second degrees. Bro. Blenkhorn was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, which will be the last meeting of the Lodge until September. Bros. Ruff and Tiffen of No. 95 were duly elected members. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Buck, it being the first time he had occupied the position of W.M. Lodge closed and adjourned.

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Angel Lodge, No. 51.—At the monthly meeting of this old Lodge, at Colchester, on Thursday, 26th ult., the election of W.M. for the ensuing year took place, the unanimous choice of the brethren falling upon W. Bro. William Richey P.M. 700, who has been S.W. for the last twelve months. A special vote of thanks was passed to Bro. John J. C. Turner for the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of the chair during his period of office; and to mark his distinguished services it was unanimously decided to present him with a P.M.'s jewel.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 4th instant. Present—Bros. R. Pearcy W.M., J. A. Powell S.W., R. M. Jones J.W. S. E. Moss Acting Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Gilham S.D., Kent J.D., Wolf I.G.; also Bros. Weedon, A. Tuck, Clark, Carr, and others. Lodge being duly opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Tuck acting as candidate. Lodge was called off and on, when the W.M. worked the first three sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. C. Weedon, by the unanimous vote of the brethren, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed, on the 25th inst., by Bro. Gilham P.M. 1632.

Prudence Lodge, No. 1550.—At the meeting held on Saturday, 4th June, at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, the W. Bro. Leonard J. Webber presiding, Bro. Morris C. Lakeman, the S.W., was unanimously elected the Master for the ensuing year; Bro. Charles Philo the Treasurer, and Bro. Phillips Tyler. The installation will take place on Saturday, the 25th inst., at six p.m., and it was decided that instead of the usual banquet there should be a picnic, the ladies being invited to join, and a committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements—it will take place about the middle of July. The Treasurer, Wor. Richard G. Tippett, having resigned, a cordial vote of thanks was unanimously accorded him for his valuable services.

Crusaders' Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677.—Held at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell. A meeting of this Lodge was held on 3rd June, at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, London. Present—Bros. Joseph Rothschild W.M., G. W. Tillett S.W., William C. Gay J.W., Robert D. Cummings Preceptor, Harold Halliday Hon. Sec. Lodge having been opened with the usual ceremonies, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was then opened and closed in the three degrees, and ceremonies rehearsed. It was proposed by Bro. Cummings I.G. of the Mother Lodge, and seconded by Bro. Tillett, "that this Lodge of Instruction be adjourned until the first Thursday in September. This being carried unanimously, the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned accordingly.

King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—A regular meeting was held on the 22nd ultimo, at Bro. Devine's, The Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square. Bros. Davis W.M., E. Harvey S.W., J. A. Harvey J.W., Devine Treasurer, L. Solomons Secretary, N. Valentine S.D., Burgess J.D., B. Kauffman I.G., Hemming Preceptor. Lodge opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The first section of the second lecture was worked, and the ceremonies of passing and initiation rehearsed. Bro. Mark Swersee 185 was elected a member.

On the 7th inst., Bros. F. Sylvester W.M., N. Vallentine S.W., L. Jacobs J.W., J. A. Harvey S.D., E. Harvey J.D., J. Edwards I.G., L. Solomons Secretary, Bro. Snodin acting as Preceptor. After preliminaries, the first section of the first lecture was worked by the brethren. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. B. Kauffmann acting as candidate. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Goyer acting as candidate. Great credit is due to the W.M. for his perfect and impressive working, in which he was ably assisted by the Officers. Bro. N. Vallentine was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

His Majesty Oscar II. King of Sweden, Grand Master of that country, accompanied by Count Piper, Swedish Ambassador, and the Royal suite, visited the works of the Henri Rifle Barrel Company on 30th ult., and inspected the machine guns there being manufactured. Luncheon was afterwards served in a marquee, to which a large party of noblemen, officers, and gentlemen sat down. As he was leaving the works His Majesty was loudly cheered by the men. On Tuesday His Majesty, together with his Queen, arrived at Dover by the midday mail. Before departing from the pier the King, who is very much improved in health, expressed himself as having been very favourably impressed by the reception he had met with in England.

Bro. G. W. Cowing, proprietor of the *Barnet Press*, *Finchley News*, and *Edgware Chronicle*, was lately compelled to defend an action for libel commenced against him by a local builder for having inserted in his paper a letter commenting on the materials, and on the construction of some houses at Finchley. We are pleased to say that the jury found for the defendant on all points.

In our report of the Consecration of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, in our issue of last week, we gave a list of presents which had been made to the Lodge. We need hardly say that they were very much admired, and even apart from their intrinsic value, are a splendid memento of the good spirit which animated the Founders of the Lodge. The gifts were of first-rate workmanship, and we think a word of praise is due to Bro. H. T. Lamb, who supplied them.

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Only by mother
To be caressed.

Into the shadowland
Baby hies;
And smiles as an angel
Past him flies;
Closed at peace
Are the violet eyes.

Almighty Father,
Watch this night,
Over my little one's
Slumbers light;
Teach us to worship
Thee aright.

What will the future
Bring to me?
Joy or sorrow,
Which will it be?
I pray to Thee, Father,
On bended knee.

Emra Holmes,
Author of *Amabel Vaughan*.

We understand that Bro. Emra Holmes's books *Tales, Poems, and Masonic Papers*, and *Amabel Vaughan* are now nearly out of print. A few copies of the latter may still be had, however, of Bro. G. Markham Tweddell, Stokesley, Yorkshire, for whose benefit the works were published. It is in contemplation to publish shortly a new volume of Bro. Holmes's poems, which have appeared during the past year or two in numerous newspapers and magazines in England, Ireland, Scotland, the United States, and Canada. A sketch of Bro. Holmes is about to appear in the *Biograph*.

We have been favoured with a letter from Bro. T. Massa, in which he expresses a wish that we should give publicity to a letter he forwarded to our contemporary, the *Freemason*, some short time since, but which the Editor of that journal, in the exercise of a very wise discretion, declined to make public. We feel it our duty to follow the very wise example of our near neighbour. We think with him that no possible good can result from the adoption of the wish expressed by Bro. Massa. We fully sympathise with him in respect of the difficulty in which he finds himself placed, but we think it would have the effect of making matters still more difficult of management, if we found a place in our columns for the letter in question.

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By command of the R.W.P.G. Master,
CHARLES GREENWOOD,
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25th May 1881.

P.S.—The Banquet will take place at 3.30 o'clock precisely. Tickets for which (price 15s) may be had of Bro. John Lees P.M. P.P.G.W., Reigate, Surrey; or of the Provincial Grand Secretary.

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IF the old saw, that "familiarity breeds contempt," may be accepted as a general truism, one can hardly question the legitimacy of the inference that the unfamiliarity or novelty of a thing will arrest attention, if, in all cases, it does not actually command respect and win approbation. The latter qualification, however, is not needed in speaking of the proceedings in connection with the laying of the foundation stone of this proposed Masonic Hall, and the hypothesis used will only partially explain the very large amount of interest displayed in the Masonic ceremonial, another and cogent reason being the wide-spread influence of the Order, and the power which it exerts in shaping and modifying social economy. Though pre-eminent among Friendly Societies in its traditions, history and associations, superior in sublimity of aims and impressiveness of ritual, practically limitless in its myriad ramifications, and immensely powerful through its cosmopolitan character, there is no organisation which favours less the pageantry of public display, and which so rarely has resort to the obtrusive exhibition of its symbols and rites. It does not cheapen its reputation by flaunting its pretensions in the public eye at periodical intervals, and on the rare occasions that it does make a visible demonstration all the constituents are present which conspire to render the event striking and the surroundings dignified and imposing. The knowledge that the brethren of the Auckland and neighbouring districts intended to signalise the event by a full representation of their strength therefore awakened the liveliest curiosity in the public mind, and directly led to the imparting of a gala character to the day. The brethren of Auckland will generally appreciate the conveniences which this building is intended to supply them with. They have been fain to content themselves with public-house parlours as meeting places, and many chose rather to deny themselves the privilege of frequent communication with their Lodges rather than incur the disrepute of seeming to give colourable approval to the practice of making the tavern place of resort for entertainment and sociability. This stigma will now be removed, and, given a place of their own, the confraternity should have no difficulty in regaining the assistance and support of quondam members, and in exhibiting its advantages to the public. The Hall will also serve to remind strange brethren from other shores that they are not among aliens, and that they have only to avow themselves in order to receive a gracious welcome.

The plans accepted and approved by the committee were prepared by Bro. W. H. Skinner, and the contract has been taken by Bro. T. Colebrook. A commencement was made about three weeks ago, but a slight delay in the progress of the building has taken place, in order to allow Bro. G. S. Graham, D.G.M. (E.C.), to take part in laying the foundation-stone. The building is being erected in Princes-street, on Masonic property, adjoining the Masonic Hotel, and the edifice, although not large, will have an imposing architectural appearance. It will be of brick, richly ornamented and faced with cement, in imitation of stone. The front is 36 feet 8 inches wide, and the total depth 77 feet. The front elevation from the base to

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the top of the balustrade is 40 feet. The whole front being of the Corinthian order, the front centre pediment projecting a foot from the main building.

The fact that the ceremony was to be conducted by the three District and Provincial Grand Masters, the representatives of the three Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, lent additional *eclat* to the proceedings. Every Mason recognising the fact that this might be the only occasion during a lifetime when such an occurrence might take place. Great praise is, says the local papers, due to Bro. H. G. Wade, the D.G. Secretary E.C., who prepared the programme. It was a most difficult task, requiring extreme tack and a thorough knowledge of Masonic usage. There was no ritual to guide him, and the programme had to be so prepared as to allot to each of the Grand Lodges a full share in the ceremonies. He acquitted himself as only such an experienced Mason could have done; and the fact that the long and trying ceremonial was carried through without a hitch is, they take it on themselves to say, entirely attributable to Bro. Wade's tact, knowledge and ability. The scene of the ceremonial was a centre of attraction during the forenoon. The grand stand and front were gaily decorated with flags, the entrance was through an evergreen arch, and the triangle over the foundation-stone was foliated in the form of a spreading New Zealand tree. The District Grand Lodge, E.C., was opened in the Choral Hall at 1 o'clock, by the V.W. Bro. Lodder D.D.G.M., at which time there was a very large attendance of brethren and a good choir, presided over by Bro. Gordon Gooch, Bro. Angelo Forrest presiding at the organ. The lodge having been duly opened, the D.G.M. Bro. Graham and his Officers entered, and were received, the Organist playing a march, and the brethren saluting with grand honours. The chorale, "Hail Eternal by whose aid," was impressively sung, after which the Grand Lodge was declared duly opened. Bro. Pierce P.G.M., I.C., and his Grand Lodge, and Bro. Whitaker P.G.M., S.C., and his Grand Lodge, were admitted, and saluted in the usual forms, and conducted to their places; and after further ceremonial, the D.G. Secretary, Bro. Wade, read the dispensation authorising the brethren to appear in regalia. The anthem, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is," was chanted, and the D.G.M. sprinkled perfume. Bro. the V.W. E. T. Wildman, director of ceremonies, then called to his aid Bros. Cole and Hitchens, and marshalled the procession for the march to St. Paul's Cathedral. About 400 joining in the procession The Rev. C. M. Nelson D.G. Chaplain, assisted by the Revs. Dr. Kidd, Messrs. Gould and Tebbs conducted the service, the Rev. Dr. Kidd preaching an eloquent and impressive sermon from the last verse of the second lesson—"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." A collection was made in aid of the Parnell Orphan Home, amounting to £18 2s 9d.

The brethren having taken up their allotted places, and the District and Provincial Grand Masters having taken theirs at the east, north, and south sides of the stone, the ceremony was commenced by the choir singing the hymn, "Master Supreme, to thee this day our corner stone with praise we lay." Bro. Gould P.G. Chap. I.C. read the first three verses of the 1st chapter of Genesis, after which Bro. Nelson D.G. Chap. E.C. offered up prayer, the responses being given by the Grand Masters and the choir.

Mr. L. D. Nathan, Chairman of the trustees, then read a copy of the scroll, which was placed in the cavity under the foundation stone.

The D.G. Treasurer then placed the phial containing coins of the realm. Other documents, newspapers, &c., were placed in the cavity, and the cement was spread by the D.G.M., with the handsome silver trowel presented by the architect, Bro. Skinner. During the singing of the anthem, "Round the spot, Moriah's Hill," the stone was gradually lowered to its bed, after which the D.D.G.M. Bro. Lodder applied the square, the P.G. Senior Warden I.C., applied the level, and the P.G. Junior Warden S.C. applied the plumb, each reporting to his Grand Master, after which each Grand Master struck the stone three times with his gavel, and declared it well and truly laid. The D.G. Director of Ceremonies introduced the Architect, Bro. Skinner, who presented the plans for the inspection of the D.G.M. The anthem, "When Earth's foundation first was laid," was sung to the tune *Adeste Fideles*, after which the architect presented the working tools to the D.G.M. Bro. Gould, who read the lesson from the 8th chapter of first Kings. The D.G.M. E.C., scattered corn on the stone, and consecrated it to virtue, the P.G.M. I.C. poured wine on it, and consecrated the Hall to universal benevolence, and the P.G.M. S.C. dropped oil on the stone, and consecrated it to all the purposes of Masonery. During this impressive portion of the ceremonial, the choir sang the hymn, "Genius of Masonry descend," and each portion of the ceremony was greeted with grand honours.

Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker, at this stage of the proceedings, delivered the following address:—

Right Worshipful Masters and Brethren,—We have arrived at that part of the ceremonial when it is the duty of one of the brethren to address you on the subject of Freemasonry. It is my privilege to be called upon to perform that duty. I do not presume to be able to teach the brethren; but this is a proper occasion to call to their memories certain facts worthy to be remembered, and especially to take a view of our present position. I may first observe, then, that Freemasonry is a very ancient institution. Its origin is lost in the mist of antiquity. Some date it as far back as the Patriarchs, while others look upon the building of King Solomon's temple at Jerusalem as the starting point. Whatever the date of its birth, there is no question that in some form it has lasted through a long series of years. The enquiry is interesting, but this is not a convenient occasion for prosecuting the enquiry. For our present purpose, it is sufficient to go back to the last century, as it was then that the organisation now existing was adopted, and the foundation of the present system laid. In the year 1717 the Grand Lodge of England was established. An eminent Mason, Anthony Sayer, was the first Grand Master. A number of eminent men have held the office since. The Prince of Wales now holds the office. A few years afterwards, viz., 1730, the Grand Lodge of Ireland was constituted. Viscount Kingston was the first Grand Master. The Duke of Leinster was one of his successors. I single him for mention, as he ruled the Craft the unprecedented time of 61 years. The Duke of Abercorn is the present Grand Master. The Freemasons of Scotland soon followed suit, and in 1736 a congress of Masons was held in Edinburgh and the Grand Lodge of Scotland was constituted. At that time the headship of the Scotch Freemasons was an hereditary office, established by King James II. of Scotland, and William St. Clair, of Rosslyn, held it in 1736—he surrendered the office, and was elected the first Grand Master of Scotland. The present Grand Master is Sir Michael Shaw. The constitution of Freemasonry in New Zealand comprises Provincial or District Grand Lodges, under whom there are a large number of subordinate Lodges. We thus see that the English is the oldest, the Irish second, and the Scotch third, and they are entitled to precedence in this order. But it must not be inferred that there is practically any sharp line of distinction between the brethren of the different Constitutions, indeed, so far from that, you will find in most of the Lodges, if not all, English, Irish, and Scotch Freemasons mix without distinction, all united in one brotherhood. Freemasonry found an early home in New Zealand. Nearly forty years ago, soon, indeed, after the foundation of the Colony, a Lodge was established in Auckland. I believe it is the senior Lodge in New Zealand—the Ara. It held its first meeting in a small room in the Exchange Hotel in Shortland-street. Since then a large number of Lodges have been constituted under the three Constitutions. So that the organisation of Freemasonry, so far as New Zealand is concerned, comprises the three several Grand Lodges, the three Provincial Grand Lodges, and a large number of subordinate Lodges. It may be a matter of surprise that in this town, the centre of Freemasonry in the North, and the home of three Provincial Grand Lodges, so much delay has taken place in providing a Masonic Hall, especially as many of the out-districts have done so. There may have been remissness, but it is not an unmixed evil, as we are now enabled to erect a building worthy of the Craft and an ornament to the town, which, where Masons were few in number and poor in pocket, could not have been done. It is somewhat remarkable that Freemasons' Halls—that is, buildings specially erected and set apart for Freemasonry—are of comparatively recent date. The first of which we have any record is a Hall erected in Philadelphia in 1754, the second at Marseilles in 1765, and the third in London in 1776. The last was pulled down in 1864, and the present handsome and commodious building erected in its place—a fitting home for Freemasonry. I look upon the erection of a hall in Auckland as a most important event in Freemasonry. It is highly objectionable that Lodge meetings should be held at places of public entertainment—it has been hitherto perhaps almost a necessity, but it has no doubt given rise to scandal, which should be carefully avoided. It may now be fairly asked for what object is there such an extensive organisation required, and what is there to justify the expenditure of so much time, trouble, and money? Let us consider what is Freemasonry. One of the greatest writers on Masonic Jurisprudence (Dr. Oliver) defines it to be "a system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols," but we shall be better understood by what it does and what it teaches. I will first say a few words as to the admission of candidates. We are no propagandists. It is directly contrary to the principles and rules of Freemasonry that any man should be solicited to become a Mason, and before he is allowed to be proposed he has to sign a declaration that he is unbiassed by improper solicitation and uninfluenced by mercenary or unworthy motives, but freely and voluntarily offers himself to be initiated in the mysteries of the Craft. The qualifications required of a candidate are but few, but they are peremptory. He must be a believer in the Supreme God—the Father of all—the Great Architect of the Universe. No Atheist is admissible, but we inquire not into denominational religion. Mahommedans are eligible, and so are the Parsees of India—the latter, indeed, have a million Freemasons on their roll. It is true that in our Lodges we hold the Bible to be the corner stone. Our ceremonies are founded on this basis, and no Lodge can be properly held without it. Whenever a Lodge meets the Bible is laid open in the midst, and is only closed when the Lodge closes. Such, however, could not be the case with the Mahommedans and Parsees. On their consciences the Bible would not bind, but to them the Koran and the Veda take the place of our Bible. Whether it be so, the Bible has the place in our Lodges. A man must be a free man, well recommended and favourably vouched for. Politics are strictly prohibited. In every free country Freemasonry has been held in high esteem, and as convincing proof of the favour with which it is regarded by the Government of our country there is the remarkable fact that when Europe was convulsed, and laws passed to put down unlawful oaths and secret societies, a special exemption was made in favour of Freemasons, whose loyalty and obedience to the laws of the country have never been doubted. The oath administered to a Freemason is principally to bind him to do good and eschew evil. Now let us examine what are the objects of Freemasonry, and what does it teach? It teaches a code of morality and virtue, its object being to improve man's moral nature—to remind him from time to time of the duties that he owes to God and his fellow-men; it denounces vice and encourages virtue. What higher or better objects are compatible with any human institution. To the wives and families of Masons, Freemasonry should be especially acceptable. No doubt it is demanding a good deal for wives to acquiesce in an incommunicable secret, but, on the other hand, they must bear in mind, as a set-off, that Freemasonry impresses on its members their duty to their fellowmen, and especially impresses upon them the duty they owe to their families. Masonry demands that the Mason should not only provide for his family, but that, to the best of his ability, he should administer to their happiness, spending a due portion of his time amongst them, and that he should not waste his time and substance in taverns, or selfishly seek his own gratification. In short, if a man is a good Mason, he must be a good man, and especially a good husband, a good father. If Freemasons fall short of their duties, it is not the fault of the Institution, but of those who do not in practice conform

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to its precepts. Let us amend our faults, and seek, in practice, to act up to our professions, for the nearer we follow the requirements of Freemasonry, so shall we the better contribute to our own happiness and to that of others.

Offerings to the amount of £3 9s 5d were then placed upon the stone. The D.G. Chaplain said the concluding prayer. Bro. Graham D.G.M. E.C. then took the opportunity to address a few remarks to the assemblage. He said that the Lodges had contributed various amounts towards defraying the cost of erecting the Hall, but as these fell short of the sum required, the balance would have to be derived from subscriptions by the brethren. After having been made aware of the beneficent objects of Freemasonry, perhaps the ladies would not be disinclined to assist, and if they would therefore prepare and work for a Bazaar he would pledge himself that they should have a grand ball in return. The Masonic version of the National Anthem was then sung. After which the procession was reformed and marched back to the Choral Hall, where the Grand Lodge resumed its sitting. The offerings laid upon the stone were awarded to the workmen who were engaged upon the Hall, while a vote of thanks was passed to to the ladies and gentlemen of the choir. It was announced that towards the erection of the Hall, £1000 had been contributed by various Lodges, while £800 had been subscribed privately by the brethren, making a total so far of £1,800. Other lists have to come in from the country districts. The offer of one brother to give a portrait of De Burgh Adams, the first Prov. Grand Master of the North Island, was hailed with cheers. After the transaction of some routine business, the Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren dispersed. In the evening a quadrille party was held in the Lorne-street Hall.

JAMAICA.

ROYAL LODGE, No. 207, PROV. No. 1.

THE Installation Meeting of this Lodge, which is the oldest in the district, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Hanover-street, Kingston, on Monday, the 2nd May last, there being a large number of brethren present. The Past Masters included Right Worshipful A. D. Cordova D.D.G.M., Wor. R. Langley P.D.G.W., S. E. Pielévzy P.D.G.W., C. W. Tait P.D.G.W., B. Stines jun. D.G. Sec., L. C. Hollar P.D.G.S.B., G. J. Sargeant D.G.D., A. H. Jones D.G.O., G. W. Duff, G. P. Myers, E. Finzi, S. Hart, and W. Duff P.D.G. Stewards. The minutes of the April meeting having been read and confirmed, all ordinary business was suspended, and the W.M. Bro. G. W. Duff requested Bro. G. J. Sargeant (a P.M. of the Lodge) to occupy the chair, and perform the installation ceremony; at the proper time the W.M. presenting Bro. E. X. Leon, the Master Elect, who having assented to the ancient charges was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Leon then appointed the following brethren as his Officers:—Wor. Bros. G. W. Duff I.P.M., T. H. Aquilar S.W., J. M. Simpson J.W., G. A. Campbell Treasurer, C. M. Sherlock Secretary, W. R. Ryder S.D., F. J. Fryer J.D., R. Simpson I.G., D. Stevenson and A. E. Langley Stewards, G. Magnus Tyler. It having been intimated in the course of the evening that Worshipful Bro. G. J. Sargeant would soon leave the island for his native place, England, a great deal of regret was expressed, and with permission of the Lodge, the W.M. appointed a Committee to prepare an affectionate farewell address, to be presented at the next ordinary meeting. Bro. Sergeant is one of the most popular members of the Royal Lodge, having served as Master, and had a most unprecedentedly successful year of office, as is testified by the records on the minutes, and the presentation of a valuable and beautiful P.M.'s jewel, subscribed for by the brethren of the Lodge. The labours of the evening being ended, the brethren were all invited to a banquet, at which a most enjoyable evening was spent.

HAMILTON LODGE, No. 1440, PROV. No. 6.

At the ordinary meeting of this Lodge, held in Spanish Town, on Thursday evening, 5th May last. Bro. W. Duncan Byles, W.M. Elect, was installed into the chair of K.S., Worshipful Bro. G. J. Sargeant P.G.D. acting as Installing Master, assisted by Worshipful Bro. W. T. Jamieson and several Past Masters. The administration for the ensuing year is as follows:—Worshipful Bro. W. D. Byles W.M., Bros. W. T. Jamieson I.P.M., J. H. Rickards S.W., C. M. L. Keer J.W., A. Clunie Treasurer, C. A. J. James Secretary, J. C. Bryant S.D., J. C. Bolton J.D., H. J. Mendes I.G., J. R. De Leon Tyler. The Lodge closed, the brethren adjourning to the banquet room, where they spent a pleasant evening.

With feelings of regret we have to announce the death of a very old and esteemed member of our Order, Brother Cameron P.M. and P.Z. 180. In his old and influential Lodge he was highly esteemed, and will be deeply regretted; his kind and genial manner had endeared him to every member. He died on Friday last. His funeral will take place this day (Saturday), at the Brompton Cemetery, when, doubtless, many private and Masonic friends of the St. James's Union will be present to pay the last tribute to Masonic worth.

Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar has accepted the office of President of the newly-formed Portsmouth centre of the St. John Ambulance Association.

The Prince of Wales has accepted the office of President of the City and Guilds of the London Institute for the Advancement of Technical Education, and has expressed his willingness to lay the foundation-stone of the Central Institution at South Kensington during the month of July next.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 11th JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1607—Loyalty
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

148—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith
1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

MONDAY, 13th JUNE.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1469—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1604—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
589—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
685—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
927—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1231—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1438—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T.—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

TUESDAY, 14th JUNE.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
167—St. John, Holly Bush, Hampstead,
177—Dramatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
R.C. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
448—St James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
829—Sydney, Black Horse, Sidcup
901—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1414—Keole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1485—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1515—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 281—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 15th JUNE.

190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
191—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
224—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
534—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 730 (Instruction)

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813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1284—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)
R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W.

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
316—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
362—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
1972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1331—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 149 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Shaithwaite
R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
R.A. 469—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford.
R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury

THURSDAY, 16th JUNE.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, E.
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C., at 6. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
98—St Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1329—Blackheath, Green Man, Blackheath
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Deuza House, Lindley
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Holden Bridge
R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
R.A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts
K.T.—William de la More, Town Hall, Beetle.

FRIDAY, 17th JUNE.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
844—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Dorie, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1442—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8. (In)
R.A. 79—Pythagoreon, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)

152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
518—Phœnix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
1641—Aston Manor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford.
R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
R.A. 837—Maroness of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5
R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 18th JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
M.M. 194—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.

THE last gathering of the members of the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement for the Session took place on 31st ult., at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill. The attendance, however, was hardly up to the average. The Officers present were—Comps. Taylor Z., Payne H., Chicken J., F. Browne S.E. and Preceptor, Walker S.N., Goodchild P.S., together with the following Comps.:—Turquand, Goodenough, W. Fraser, J. Fraser, G. Brown, Edmonds, Thompson, Sheffield, and Warner. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. J. Fraser candidate. The work was well done, more especially those parts assigned to the Principals. At the conclusion of the ceremony Comp. Brown, the esteemed Preceptor, said it was to him a pleasing duty to propose that a vote of thanks be inserted on the minutes to Comp. Taylor for the very able manner in which he had performed the duties of Z. that evening, for the first time, especially so as he felt sure when he entered the room that he had not the most distant idea that he should be called upon to fill that position and go through the arduous duties attached to it. He, therefore, felt sure that the Companions would agree in paying a compliment which Comp. Taylor well deserved. Comp. Walker S.N. seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Comp. Taylor, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, expressed the gratification he felt in receiving it. As Comp. Brown had stated, when he entered the room that night he had not the most distant idea of being called upon to fill the highest position in the Chapter. He thanked them most cordially for the honour they had conferred upon him on that his first occasion of taking the chair. By the time they again met he should be able to rub off a little of the nervousness he had felt that evening, and hoped better to deserve the thanks they had given him. He felt sure, before they separated for the season, the Companions would be most anxious to recognise the services of Companion Brown, their able, painstaking, and kind Preceptor, who was always at his post, and always ready to give instruction. He, therefore, proposed that the thanks of the Chapter be given to Companion Brown for his services, and for his readiness at all times to do anything that might be required of him. Companion Walker seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to. Companion Brown S.E., the esteemed Preceptor of the Chapter, thanked the Companions for the vote of thanks they had given him. The compliment was most pleasing to him, and he should gratefully remember it. He might say that the duties of Preceptor were not always of the most agreeable kind, for unlike in Craft Masonry, those who came there had gained a position in Freemasonry, and rightly considered they had acquired a dignity in the Craft, and to many of these it was not the most agreeable task to have to go to school again, but he generally found that those who came there were anxious to obtain the instruction that was there afforded them. He might inform the Companions that during the season of 1879 and 1880, during which he had acted as their Preceptor, they had had thirty-three meetings, at which 420 Companions attended; they had admitted thirty-one new members, and there had been one visitor, giving an average of thirteen to each meeting. In the season of 1880 and 1881 there had been again thirty-three meetings, 561 had attended, and, by a remarkable coincidence, thirty-one new members had been admitted, with three visitors, giving an average of eighteen to each meeting; he might also say that the funds were in a satisfactory condition. This state of affairs must be gratifying to the members, as it showed that the Chapter was flourishing, and a month or two after they again met he would ask them to devote a portion of the funds to the Masonic Charities, for one of which he intended to act as Steward. The following were the Officers elected for the next meeting:—Companions Taylor Z., J. Payne H., Chicken J., J. Fraser N., Goodchild P.S. The Chapter was then closed in due form, and adjourned till the first Tuesday in October.

Joppa Chapter, No. 188.—The regular Convocation was held on the 30th ultimo, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. Present—Comps. L. Lazarus M.E.Z., W. H. Gulliford H., H. P. Isaac J., N. Baum S.E., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, I. P. Cohen P.S., Davis first Assistant; P.Z.'s S. M. Lazarus, H. M. Levy, M. J. Emanuel, and W. Littaur; Visitors—John Roper 1275, Gaskell 114, and S. Moss 141. Chapter was opened and the minutes were confirmed; Comp. C. W. Meiter, No. 1671, was elected a joining member. Bros. A. Haslett 657, R. Ede 1471, S. Jacobs P.M. 1327 P.G.P. Herts, F. H. Fearns 1321, and J. McNaught 1298, were balloted for, accepted, and duly exalted into R.A. Masonry; the working of the M.E.Z., Principals, and Officers was most perfect. The election of Principals for the ensuing twelve months was the next business. Comp. W. H. Gulliford was elected M.E.Z., H. P. Isaac H., I. P. Cohen J., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treas., M. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., J. Davis S.N., A. J. Henochsberg P.S., George T. Mann first Assistant, Brooke second Assistant. The resignation of a Companion was accepted with regret. On motion, regularly brought forward, it was carried unanimously, that in future the exaltation fee be £5 5s, and the joining fee £2 2s. Comp. Littaur P.Z. proposed, and Comp. H Gulliford seconded, that a sum of money be given from the funds of the Chapter for the purpose of presenting the M.E.Z. with a P.Z.'s jewel, for the able manner in which he had discharged his duties in the chair; this amount to form a nucleus, which

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he was sure the members would readily supplement, and so present him with a testimonial worthy his acceptance; likewise that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes. This was carried unanimously. The Chapter was closed until November. The brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Comp. W. G. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. W. Silver. The M.E.Z., in due course, proposed the Loyal and R.A. toast. In speaking to the toast of the new members the M.E.Z. had had great pleasure that evening in exalting five Companions—Bros. Jacobs, Fearns, McNaught, Haslett, and Ede. The recommendation they brought with them, and the attention they paid to the ceremony, augured they would prove a credit to the Order. Comp. Haslett, in eloquent terms, replied; he felt a great pleasure in being associated with this Chapter, and hoped, as he progressed in Royal Arch Masonry, to carry out every duty required of him. Comp. P. Dickinson P.Z. said one of the most important toasts at gatherings like this was that of the M.E.Z.; he regretted not being present that evening at the working, but he knew what it was, as the M.E.Z. was known to do well every duty required of him. Although he could not propose the presentation of a jewel to him, as it had been already done by another P.Z., he hoped they would honour the toast fervently. The M.E.Z. thanked the Companions for their kind expressions in the Chapter: when he accepted office, he determined to do his duty; he had now reached the summit of his ambition, and nothing more remained but to thank the Companions for the support they had given him on all occasions. The toast of the Visiting Companions was next on the list, and Comps. Gasklei and Moss severally responded. The M.E.Z. then proposed the health of the M.E.Z. elect; whatever office Comp. Gulliford had held, his duties has been fulfilled to the advantage of the Chapter. He (the M.E.Z.) was sure he would receive the cordial support of the Companions. Comp. Gulliford, in brief terms responded. The toast of the P.Z.'s was replied to by Comp. W. Littaur. The J., the Treasurer, the P.S., and the rest of the Officers were not overlooked, and after the Janitor's toast the Companions separated with earnest hopes that they might meet again after the recess in health and prosperity.

ESSEX CHAPTER, No. 276.

THE Installation meeting of the Essex Chapter, No. 276, was held on 30th ult., at the George Hotel, Chelmsford, when there was a large muster of Comps., including several visitors, the M.E.Z. having most kindly invited representatives from the three other Chapters in the Province, for the purpose of discussing the desirability of petitioning for a P.G. Chapter for the Province of Essex. The first business was the exaltation of a candidate, which having been ably done by E. Comp. F. B. Shepherd P.Z., the Installation ceremony was proceeded with. Principal J. (Comp. E. Shedd) was most impressively installed by E. Comp. Vero W. Taylor the M.E.Z. Elect, and the same Comp. was to have installed Principal H., but E. Comp. the Rev. B. S. Barnes, who had been elected to that Chair, was absent through ill health, and consequently the ceremony was postponed. E. Comp. Vero W. Taylor was then placed in the Chair of First Principal by the retiring M.E.Z. Comp. E. H. Carter, and E. Comps. F. B. Shepherd and Andrew Durrant were respectively invested Scribe E. and Treas. The subject of a Provincial Grand Chapter was then mooted, and, after considerable discussion, it was resolved, with the concurrence of the G. Master of the Province, the Lord Tenterden, K.C.B., to petition for a Grand Chapter. The Comps. afterwards dined together, the Banquet being served in Comp. Sarel's well-known first-class style, the quality of the wines calling forth special commendation. The usual R.A. toasts were duly honoured, and in drinking to the Rulers of R.A. Masonry a hope was expressed that by the time the Festival recurred they should be able to toast the G. Superintendant and Officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Essex.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DEVON.

AN important meeting was held on Saturday, at the Sincerity Chapter Room, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse. Owing to the long illness and subsequent death of the late P.Grand Superintendent, the Rev. J. Huyshe, there has been no meeting for transaction of business since 10th October 1877. Hence the more than usual interest. The M.E.Z. his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales having been pleased to appoint Excellent Companion the Viscount Ebrington P.G.M., &c., as the Superintendent, his installation was the most prominent feature of the proceedings. It had been arranged that the ceremony should be performed by Companion Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand S.E. of England, but, from domestic affliction, he was unable to be present, and, at short notice, E. Companion L. P. Metham P.P.G.H. kindly undertook the duty, and it goes without saying that it was carefully and impressively done. The other Companions who took part in the ceremony were—E.C.'s Walter G. Rogers, W. E. Elphingstone-Stone, R. H. Rae, J. Edward Curteis, J. Brewer, George Evans, and Alfred Bodley, who acted as D.C. The Officers appointed for the ensuing year were—E. Comps. W. G. Rogers H., Rev. W. Whittley (who was prevented from attending by severe indisposition) J., J. Brewer 251 S.E., B. T. Hodge 106 S.N., Mark Farrant 112 P.S., W. H. Gillman 1099 1st A.S., J. S. Kersterman 303 2nd A.S., T. Wards How 189 Registrar, H. S. Gill 1125 1st S.B., W. B. Mayo 710 2nd S.B., D. Watson 328 D.C., Webb 288 A.D.C., J. D. Barker 70 Organist, P. Blanchard Jun., John Rogers A.J. The report of the Treasurer was read, showing a balance of about £70 in favour of the province. Comp. W. G. Rogers proposed that the sum of twenty guineas be given to each of the four London Charities and he pointed out that the Province was pledged to support these Charities, from which, through the exertions of Comp. Charles Godtschalk, the Devon candidates had received so many benefits. Companion S. Hyne proposed, as an amendment, that only fifteen guineas be given to the London Charities, and twenty to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund. This was seconded by Companion E. Aitken Davies, and was carried by a large majority. The amounts voted, therefore, are £21 to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund; £15 15s to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on the list of Companion J. E. Curteis as Steward for 1882; £15 15s to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £31 10s to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows (half to each fund), these latter amounts to be placed on the list of Companion Godtschalk as Steward for these Charities. E. Companion J. Edward Curteis was unanimously elected the Treasurer of the province, and E. Companions T. S. Bayly and John Lynn the auditors. The Committee appointed to frame bye-laws for the province were E. Comps. W. G. Rogers, W. Whittley, and J. Brewer, and it was suggested by E. Comp. Gover that these laws should include all that was necessary, and that any resolutions of former Prov. Grand Chapters should be rescinded. Ex. Comp. L. P. Metham then said it was impossible for the P.G. Chapter to close without placing a record on the minutes of the great loss they had sustained by the lamented death of their late P.G. Superintendent, the Rev. J. Huyshe, and their deep sympathy with his relatives.—This was seconded by Lord Ebrington, who also spoke of the high estimation in which Comp. Huyshe had been held amongst all classes from highest to lowest. Letters regretting inability to attend were received from Comp. Admiral F. H. H. Glasse, C.B., and others.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

The North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471, of which Companion T. C. Edmonds is the Preceptor, and which meets at the Jolly Farmers Tavern, Southgate-road, has adjourned its meetings until Thursday, the 1st of September next.

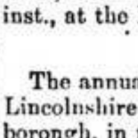
The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., has fixed Monday, the 20th day of June, for holding the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berkshire and Buckinghamshire. The meeting will take place at the Town Hall, Aylesbury, when the business of the Province will be transacted. The Banquet will take place at the George Hotel, at three o'clock punctually, tickets for which (6s 6d each) can be procured of Bro. F. J. Ferguson J.W. 414, Reading, and the following Provincial Grand Stewards:—Bros. Taylor (Newport Pagnell), Lewis Poulton (Aylesbury), S. W. Slator (Buckingham), W. J. Gough (Buckingham), H. Jowett (Aylesbury), J. W. Dover (Princes Risborough). As usual on these occasions the Great Western Railway Company offers special advantages. Return tickets at single fares will be issued on production of the Summons at the Booking Offices—London, Windsor, Reading, Oxford, Newbury, Abingdon, Swindon, Faringdon, Wycombe, Marlow Road, and Maidenhead; and at all Stations on the London, Wokingham, and Reading Railway between Waterloo Bridge and Bracknell.

The consecration of the Shadwell-Clerke Lodge, No. 1910, is now fixed to take place on Thursday, the 23rd inst., at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire will be held on the 20th instant, at Gainsborough, in the Old Hall, at 11 a.m., on the invitation of Yarborough Lodge, No. 422. At noon the brethren will proceed to the site of the proposed new church, "St. John the Divine," where the foundation-stone will be laid, with Masonic honours, by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, W. H. Smyth, Esq., J.P. A banquet will be held at 2 p.m., tickets for which may be obtained of Bro. T. E. Johnson, Secretary 422.

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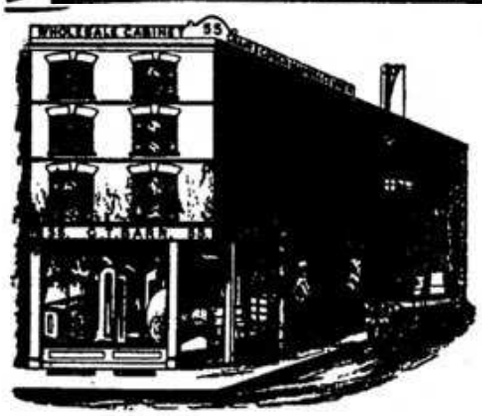
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SERMONISING IN FREEMASONRY.

WE are afraid there is a great deal said and written about Freemasonry which is fairly entitled to come under the definition of humbug. "Humbug," we know, is a very homely, yet a very expressive phrase; many, indeed, may consider it vulgar. But whatever it may be, or whatever people may be pleased to consider it, there is no doubt as to its existence. Nor is there any sufficient reason for imagining that Freemasonry, being, as it is, an institution that owes its origin to man, enjoys any special immunity from its influences. We hear and see this fact exemplified in the inner life of our Lodges and the pages of Masonic literature. There is no doubt the principles on which our Craft is based are most admirable, that those principles have been most successfully carried out in all ages and countries, and that they are capable of still further development in the future. But nothing is so calculated to mar the beauty of those principles as the attempts which are continually being made to associate every distinguished man that ever lived and every noteworthy event that has ever happened since the world was created with Freemasonry. We have seen it gravely stated that Adam was a Mason, though the native modesty of the writer induced him to refrain from any attempt at solving the knotty question whether our worthy first parent was initiated before or after he took to wearing an apron of figleaves. Noah, the first naval architect—not "arkitect," O waggish reader—of whom we read in history, has been set down as a Mason. The Patriarchs, we believe, are supposed to have been Craftsmen. The two Saints John were G.M.'s, though we have never heard any sufficient reason assigned for the supposition—perhaps the fact of one of them having been decapitated and the other having died in the Isle of Patmos will answer as well as any other reason that might be suggested. Euclid was a learned geometrician, and therefore he must have been a Freemason. Pythagoras, who is said to have been, in reality, the author of the famous forty-seventh proposition of the First Book of Euclid, was also one of us—very probably a Past Master of the Craft, as the figure of the said proposition plays a prominent part in the jewels of our Past Masters. Solomon, St. Alban, and a host of other celebrities of every age and race are claimed as members of our fraternity, the newest addition to the long and honourable list being the great reformer Martin Luther, who has lately been said to have been initiated into our mysteries a short time after he had burnt the Pope's Bull of Excommunication. The most worthy absentee from the roll of worthies is the great Julius Cæsar. We do not remember ever to have seen him described as a Brother by any trustworthy Mason. Perhaps his baldheadedness may have been ruled by the authorities of the Grand Lodge of Rome a sufficient imperfection to disqualify him from participating in the benefits of initiation. Some day this sad omission may be rectified, or perchance, in the lapse of time, some brother, more remarkable for his ambition to be enrolled among our Masonic historians than for the profundity of his wisdom and discretion, may seek to counteract it by the insertion of another distinguished personage, mythical or actual—say, for instance, Jonah or the Last of the Mohicans.

Passing from personages to events, we find the building of the Tower of Babel included as marking one of the earliest epochs in her history, but whether or not the first stone was laid with Masonic ceremonial we have never heard. In fact, we do not see how there could possibly be any evidence on this point, having regard, at least, to the confusion of tongues which history tells us resulted from that extremely ill-advised attempt to erect so vast and lofty a structure. The Temple of Diana at Ephesus, that of Minerva at Athens, the Coliseum at Rome, the Colossus of Rhodes—not the Brothers MacAdam of that ilk—the Pyramids, the leaning tower of Pisa, Strasburg Cathedral—we are mentioning these without regard to anything like chronological order—St. Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London, the Monument, the Thames Tunnel, the Victoria and Albert Embankments, and the great Midland Railway Hotel at St. Pancras, all these are more or less associated with Freemasonry, or if not, it is high time they should be so associated forthwith. Now we do not doubt the good faith of those writers who have supposed these buildings are illustrative of the benefits conferred on man by Freemasonry. They show undoubtedly, what man has done and is capable of doing in the way of the edification of structures, but they have no connection whatever with the edification of morals, except by what the late Artemus Ward has described as a "circootious route"—a very "circootious route" indeed, and beyond all question. We must exclaim, however, against such a practice, on the ground that it is this association with Masonry of every one who has made a name for himself, and everything that has attracted admiration or created a sensation, which has involved us in so much ridicule. Who is there possessing even a small modicum of sense who must not be consumed with laughter when he hears a grave and reverend citizen, remarkable for almost every virtue that adorns mankind—sobriety included—calmly speaking of Adam and Noah as Grand Masters of Freemasonry, and the building of Babel as a great Masonic event? Happily, we are gradually becoming wiser in our generation, and brethren no longer make themselves conspicuous by such exhibitions of ignorance as we have been describing. Still, there is even now a great deal of what may be called "Sermonising" connected with the Craft. This is a proposition we have been induced to promulgate, after considerable experience, and from a tolerably wide acquaintance with our literature. Perhaps what we are about to say further will convince our readers that the statement is not without some justification. Be it well understood, however, that both in what has gone before and what follows we have no idea of speaking irreverently of any persons who have been mentioned by name. We are merely desirous of showing how Masonry is affected by the absurd lengths to which such writers go when they give way to their imagination.

It is doubtless within the experience of the majority of our readers that of the many orations which are delivered on particular occasions, a very considerable proportion treat of Masonry as a religion. The orators are not content to speak in terms of legitimate praise of the Craft. They quietly ignore the received definition of Masonry, to wit, that it is a system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols, and describe it unhesitatingly as a kind of religious belief. That our principles have religion for their basis is true enough, but this is something widely different from the proposition so commonly advanced by well-meaning, but somewhat misguided members of the Craft. The beauty of Masonry lies in its absolute neutrality in respect of religions. It lays it down that all who seek admission into its ranks must have some kind of belief in a Supreme Being, but at the same time it strictly prohibits them, when they are assembled for Masonic purposes, from offering any opinions whatever on the respective

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merits of different religious faiths. Those who seek to associate Freemasonry with Christianity must of necessity offend brethren who are Jews or Mohammedans. They are, therefore, adopting a system of teaching which is entirely repugnant to the instincts of the Craft pure and simple. Masonry is good enough and strong enough to stand by itself without such adventitious aids as so many among us are anxious to render. Here, for instance, is a passage from an article in the *Freemason's Repository*, which, with all due respect for our estimable contemporary, is more than is called for in an exposition of certain points connected with the Royal Arch.

"The most important part of the breastplate was the twelve precious stones set in four rows, which indicated the twelve tribes of Israel and their order of rank. According to Josephus, as well as what seems to be the evidence of the Holy Writings bearing upon this point, it was these stones which constituted the Urim and Thummin, rather than the two images placed within a pocket under the plate, as has been claimed by some writers. So rich and curious an ornament as the breastplate carries with it the idea of spiritual glory. In the description of the New Jerusalem given in the Apocalypse, we find a glowing passage, which evidently refers to the precious stones in the breastplate. Not to the Jew alone, but also to the Gentile, may this ancient badge signify the light and glory of a grand spiritual exaltation—symbolizing such a moral rebuilding of the 'City of the Great King' as the prophet must have had in mind when, speaking in the Name of the Lord, he said, 'I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and I will lay thy foundations with sapphires, and I will make thy windows of agate, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones.' Whoever wears the breastplate may well be affected and instructed by what this priestly ornament suggests, not only as respects its direct reference to the twelve tribes of Israel, but also the significance of 'those oracular gems' as referring to the Divine presence and illumination. Whatever obscurity there may be as to the Urim and Thummim so mysteriously connected with the breastplate of the Jewish priest, there need be no hesitancy in making the ornament as now used a special reminder of the truth that the Infinite One will give light and blessing to those that call upon the Name of the Lord and are obedient to His law."

This is unexceptionable of its kind, and would be most appropriate in a sermon, but we cannot help saying that it is entirely out of place in any Masonic exposition. For the present, as our remarks have run to unusual length, this one illustration must suffice. It serves the purpose of explaining our object in offering these remarks, the completion of which, under the circumstances, we must reserve for another article.

FREEMASONRY IN PENNSYLVANIA.

WE learn from the *Keystone* that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania held its regular Quarterly Communication at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on the 1st instant, under the presidency of M.W. Bro. S. B. Dick G.M. There was a large muster of brethren from all parts of the jurisdiction, besides four Past Grand Masters, and several visitors. The Reports of the several Committees were submitted and accepted, that of the Finance Committee being especially satisfactory, as it showed there was a balance in the treasury of Grand Lodge such as had not been known for a considerable number of years, namely, over 38,458 dollars, or not far short of £7,692. The Report of the Special Committee on the proposed Sesqui-Centennial Celebration was submitted by Bro. C. P. MacCalla, and the several resolutions unanimously adopted. We append them for the edification of our readers:

Resolved, That this Committee considers it not only expedient, but eminently advisable and proper, that an appropriate Masonic celebration be held in Philadelphia on St. John's Day, June 24th, A.L. 5882, to commemorate the Sesqui-Centennial of the first Annual Grand Communication of the R.W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and first election of a Grand Master for this jurisdiction.

Resolved, That the early introduction, rapid growth during the past one hundred and fifty years, and present flourishing condition of the Craft in Pennsylvania, call for special recognition in connection with this event.

Resolved, That the R.W. Grand Master be recommended to appoint a Committee of Twenty-one Brethren, to whom the elective Grand Officers shall be added, to have charge of said celebration, and make all fitting arrangements therefor.

The annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania was opened in Scranton City, Pa., on Wednesday, the 1st instant. The following were elected Grand Officers for the ensuing year, namely, Sir Knights Geo. W. Kendrick jun., E.G. Commander; B. F. Breneman, Dep. G. Commander; C. W. Batchelor, G. Generalissimo; E. G. Martin, G. Captain General; A. V. C. Schenck, G. Prelate; Jos. Alexander jun. G.S.W.; G. S. Graham, G.J.W.; M. Richards Muckle, G. Treasurer; and Chas. E. Meyer, G. Recorder.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

THE fourteenth annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, was held in St. John's on the 26th April. There was a fair attendance of Brethren, and the Grand Master, Bro. R. Marshall, presided. According to the report of Grand Secretary Bunting, the number of Masons in the jurisdiction at the close of 1880 was 2,059, or less by 258 than at the corresponding period in 1878. The receipts for the year were over 2,158 dollars, from thirty-four Lodges, while the assets of G. Lodge, according to Grand Treasurer Jas. McNichol jun.'s report, amounted to close on 4,876 dollars. The second and third degrees were "exemplified" during the session by certain Brethren, after which the Rev. D. Macrae, D.D., was elected honorary member of G. Lodge, with the rank of Past Grand Chaplain. A resolution of sympathy with the Grand Lodge of Novia Scotia at the loss it had sustained recently by the death of Bro. Allen H. Crowe, M.W.G.M., and with the family of the deceased, was submitted by the Board of General Purposes and unanimously agreed to, the late Bro. Crowe being described as a Grand Master "who gave years of earnest, zealous, and faithful work to the interests of the Fraternity, and whose amiable and excellent character earned for him the esteem and love, not only of the Freemasons, but of the people of his native province, and of many private friends in New Brunswick." Grand Master Marshall who had presided over the Craft for three years then installed his successor, Bro. Benjamin R. Stevenson, and the latter having been proclaimed and saluted, proceeded to appoint and invest as his Officers the following Brethren among others, namely:—R.W. Henry Duffell Deputy Grand Master; R.W. Henry A. White Sen. Grand Warden; V.W. Rev. S. C. Medley Grand Chaplain; V.W. James McNichol jun. Grand Treasurer; V.W. William F. Bunting Grand Secretary; W. William A. Park Senior Grand Deacon; W. David F. Merritt Junior Grand Deacon; W. Freeman W. Wisdom Grand Director of Ceremonies; W. William H. B. Sadlier Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies; W. George Ackman Grand Sword Bearer; W. George F. De Vine Grand Organist; W. James Adam Grand Pursuivant; Dingee Scribner Grand Tyler. The Board of General Purposes and the several Committees having been appointed, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form and the Brethren separated. We are indebted for the foregoing particulars, which furnish a very interesting account of the Brethren in New Brunswick, to an American contemporary hailing from Boston, Massachusetts.

THE JURISDICTION QUESTION.

THE Craft in England has but a very limited experience in connection with the knotty questions which sometimes arise in respect of the jurisdiction of other Grand Lodges. It would never occur to our Masonic authorities to enter into arguments well nigh interminable as to whether a Lodge located in this or that Province owes allegiance to this or that Prov. G. Lodge or directly to our Grand Lodge. In the case of our Colonies no difficulty ever seems to arise on this question, though as neutral ground they are occupied by English, Irish and Scotch folk indifferently, and it is permissible, therefore, for Masonic Lodges to be established in them which are affiliated to the Grand Lodges of either of those countries. It is only in quite a recent number that we published an account of the consecration of a building to Masonic purposes in one of the British Colonies, in which the local English, Irish, and Scotch Grand Masters shared the honourable labours of the day among them. There was no feeling of jealousy exhibited by either towards his worthy colleagues, but on the contrary the representatives of the three jurisdictions set an example of harmonious collaboration, which was in the highest degree creditable to them and necessarily reflects a proportionate degree of credit upon the

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Craft in the United Kingdom. Difficulties of course must in the order of things occasionally arise, as was recently the case as between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Quebec, a difference, by the way, which we rejoice to say, has passed away without leaving behind it any degree or kind of ill-feeling. But strange to say, in the United States, where almost every state or territory has its own independent Grand Lodge, a very considerable amount of jealousy is exhibited, whenever a question of jurisdiction is raised. This, after all, is not so very surprising when we bear in mind the amazing progress which is being made in populating new districts. To us who live in the old country, the rapidity with which a region, almost entirely uninhabited except by a sparse population of so-called Indians, is converted into a territory, and the territory is promoted to the rank of a state, is well nigh inconceivable. Of course, where the white man penetrates, there be quickly establishes something in the shape of a Masonic Lodge, and as in respect of Masonic jurisdiction, the newly occupied country is, as it were, a kind of "No man's land," in which it is lawful for any of the numerous independent Grand Lodges in the States to establish an offshoot—just as in New Zealand or South Africa it is open to the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland or Ireland to establish daughter Lodges—it is not surprising there should very speedily rise up in such newly occupied country several Masons' Lodges, but owing allegiance to different Grand Lodges. In time, as we have said, this new district becomes a territory, and, later on, it rises to the dignity of a State. Masonry has, in all probability, made corresponding progress, and the question of erecting an independent Grand Lodge at once appears on the carpet. In the ordinary course, the majority of the Lodges, no matter to whom they may previously have paid allegiance, recognise fully the propriety of combining together and constituting themselves an independent Grand Lodge. They meet, the severance of each Lodge from its parent Lodge is effected, and forthwith a new Grand Lodge is added to the roll of independent Masonic sovereignties. Sometimes, however, it happens—as it has happened with the daughter Lodges of England and Scotland—that a Lodge deliberately prefers remaining under the ægis of the body to which it owes its constitution, and it has been the invariable rule with us, in recognising the independence of the newly born Grand Lodge, to claim for any Lodges which may prefer such a course the right to remain under our banner. Thus there are the Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec, but within the jurisdiction of those Grand Bodies are Lodges which have deliberately preferred to remain in their old allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England or Scotland, as the case may be. It is a recognised law that neither England nor Scotland shall issue warrants for new Lodges within the aforesaid or other similarly circumstanced jurisdictions; but the Lodges which prefer remaining as they were retain all their privileges and may accept new members, &c. This is so reasonable a view to take under the circumstances that we cannot refrain from commending it to the notice of the Grand Lodges of Missouri and New Mexico, who just now seem to be at daggers drawn over a somewhat similar case of this "Jurisdiction Question."

The Grand Lodge of Indiana did not meet, as under ordinary circumstances it would have done, on the fourth Monday in May this year. Instead of so doing, however, the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and Trustees of Grand Lodge, in accordance with an instruction passed by Grand Lodge at its annual Communication in 1880, submitted their reports to the Grand Master on the 24th ult. The accounts show a statement of receipts, including a balance brought forward from last year of over 15,202 dollars, amounting to a little in excess of 44,273 dollars, while the disbursements were over 41,864 dollars, leaving a balance in Grand Treasurer's hands of not far short of 2,409 dollars. The report of the Trustees showed that the Grand Lodge debt, which on 25th May 1880 stood at 94,333.34 dollars, had by payments during the year been reduced to 75,000 dollars, and the reduction would have been greater still, had all the Lodges met the requirements of the law, and paid their annual dues to the Grand Lodge at the time provided by law for their payment. But we are sorry to say there is nearly four thousand dollars outstanding on dues of 1880, notwithstanding the fact that the Worshipful Masters of the Lodges delinquent, whose duty it is to see that the dues are paid, have been requested to have the amounts due from their several Lodges forwarded to the Grand Secretary. We indulge in the hope that the Masters of the Lodges so delinquent will on receipt of this report promptly attend to this most important matter.

The *Voice of Masonry* considers our London contemporary is "obtuse," because it is unable to comprehend what the public installation of officers is. We sympathise with our contemporary, and must fain plead guilty to the soft impeachment of sharing its obtuseness. There is manifestly a vast difference between Freemasonry as it is understood in some of the States of the American Union and as it is understood here. In the former publicity would seem to be courted on every possible occasion and of every imaginable kind. Here the Fraternity jogs along the even tenour of its way as quietly and unostentatiously as possible. The ever memorable installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G. Master, is a case in point. Though some 8,000 to 10,000 brethren flocked from all parts of England to the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, in order to be present at that magnificent ceremony, the outside world saw absolutely nothing of the insignia of Masonry. All the crowds that congregated in the vicinity of the building during the hour or two that preceded the arrival of the Prince could do was to surmise that the unusual number of gentlemen, dressed in quiet evening or quasi-evening costume, who were making their way to the Hall in every conceivable kind of vehicle or on foot, were the members of the Craft. In some of the States of America we occasionally hear of there would probably have been a grand procession, and every member of it would have arrayed himself gorgeously in apron, sash, and jewellery. There would have been bands of music and, not improbably, carriages for the conveyance of the Grand Officers. Here a Masonic procession in public is an event of the very rarest occurrence, as may be judged from the fact that the number of occasions since April 1875 on which G. Lodge has taken part in any public ceremonial—as, for instance, when the Prince of Wales laid the foundation stones of Truro Cathedral—might be reckoned on the fingers of one hand. The English Masonic press may be so quite too awfully obtuse as to know very little about the public processions of brethren in England, and absolutely nothing about the public installation of the Officers of Masonic Lodges. Nevertheless, it is a point with which the English Craft and its representative organs have every reason to be satisfied, for the very obvious reason that publicity in respect of any sort or kind of Lodge work is inconsistent with the spirit and genius of Freemasonry.

From a letter, signed "Anti-Cant" in the April number of the *Canadian Craftsman*, it seems that according to the statistics of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, the net loss of membership during the past year was 109, the number of initiations, &c., being 212, against withdrawals, deaths, and suspensions 321. The present membership is 2400.

According to the *Australian Freemason*, the Dist. G. Treasurer Bro. A. Rofe, of the Dist. G. Lodge of Australia, under the Scottish Constitutions, has given notice that at the next Quarterly Communication he will submit the following motion, namely, "That no brother below the rank of R.W. Master or Past Master shall be allowed to confer any of the established degrees of Freemasonry upon candidates."

Bro. Geo. H. West, Secretary of the Masonic Mutual Benefit Society of Indiana, states, in a letter to the *Masonic Advocate* of Indianopolis, that, including the benefits paid since last Communication, the Society from the period of its organisation has paid away no less than *two millions, ninety-four thousand, two hundred and four dollars, and ninety-nine cents*, that is, upwards of £418,800.

On the 22nd instant and two following days there is to be a celebration in Louisville, Kentucky, in aid of the funds of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home. This celebration is to consist of a Templar parade, with competitive drills of Military Companies and Templar Commanderies. Prizes of the value of 1,000 dollars, 500 dollars, and 250 dollars respectively will be offered.

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LORD CHARLES BERESFORD AT HOME.

(From the WORLD.)

BULLDOGS—that is to say, a brace of grand preserved heads of that peculiar breed nurtured by "Charley" Beresford—look askant at the visitors as he enters that pleasantest of houses situate and being No. 100 Eaton-square; but the aspect of these noble animals is all that he meets with of repellent in the cosy abode that the care of his wife has fashioned for the typical sailor of his family. Lord Charles himself is discovered in a morning-room furnished with that taste which pervades the entire establishment. It is not an æsthetic house. There is no pretension to artistic display, although real artistic feeling is displayed in every nook and corner of it. Huge Japanese bronzes face the master as he sits at his desk busied with matters Masonic,— for it is no secret that he is the Worshipful Master of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge. Lord Charles is an enthusiast in Freemasonry as in other things. He is no half-hearted brother, but a genuine worker in the Craft. He loves Freemasonry, "because, like hunting, it brings classes together." He is above all things, except his duty as a good officer, a popular man. He is a member of a family having prescriptive right to do things forbidden to other men—to say anything they like, to get into scrapes and fall out of them and upon their feet at last.

Lord Charles Beresford, although a young man, is qualified to account himself an old sailor, for he can reckon to his credit twenty-one years of service, nearly the whole of which has been spent afloat. It was in his early youth thought well to keep him always at sea. He had given a taste of his quality at old Mr. Reynean's school at Bayford, where he was the leading spirit of the young sprouts of aristocracy, among whom figured Lord Rosebery, Lord George Hamilton, Lord Worcester, Lord Newport, with Lord Waterford, and Lords William and Marcus Beresford, his brothers. From Bayford Lord Charles went to Stubbington, under the care of that eminent private tutor, Mr. Foster. In 1859, being then thirteen years old, he went to sea, and until his marriage lived entirely in and for the Service. He has been round the world again and again, has visited all the English possessions, and has sailed every sea except the Black Sea. On the wall of his morning-room hangs a chart showing his chief cruises, with the course actually followed from noon to noon each day by the Galatea, the Tribune, the Clio, the Sutlej, and the Serapis on the Prince of Wales's voyage to India, as well as his track ashore during that memorable visit. Little "Charley" Beresford came first under the command of Sir Housten Stewart in H.M.S. Marlborough, one of the "auxiliary" screw ships of the line. On board of the Marlborough and other of the Queen's ships he learned all the mysteries of "seamanship." He took kindly to the instruction readily vouchsafed to a willing pupil, and, thanks to his education afloat, is at this moment, perhaps, the handiest gentleman in London. Like the Whitehead torpedo, which he described in the House of Commons as being able to do everything but talk, it is difficult to set him a task beyond his powers. Breaking a horse and building a house are not twin occupations, but Lord Charles is at home in either. He can, of, course, build a boat, and as the greater includes the less, turn out a very creditable table or chair. He can sew exceedingly well, and is a dead hand at cutting out a "jumper" or a pair of trowers seamless on the outer side. With all the good-nature imaginable, he is ever ready to demonstrate the true principles on which a "jumper" or short working jacket should be constructed. With a sheet of paper or a pocket-handkerchief he shows every step by which the square piece of canvas or flannel grows into shape. He is also a turner, and has a regular workshop fitted up on the ground-floor of his house, as well as attending when ashore the Society of Ornamental Turners, who meet in the Adelphi.

From the Marlborough the young sailor cruised in the Defence ironclad, under Captain Phillimore, and the Clio, Captain Turner, and the Tribune, picking up his seamanship as he went, for he never was in a sailing-ship proper in his life. From Lord Gilford's ship he was transferred to the Sutlej, thence to the Research, under Captain Morrell, and again to the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert, commanded by Prince Leiningen. Then came the second cruise of the Galatea with the Duke of Edinburgh, a total run of 66,000 miles round the world, every detail of which can be easily followed on Lord Charles Beresford's chart. Then he was commander on the Goshawk, flag-lieutenant to that most kindly and delightful of good old salts, Sir Harry Keppel; and in the West Indies on board the Bellerophon with Captain Wells. After these various cruises six months on half-pay came not amiss, and the Indian trip in the Serapis as naval aide-de-camp to the Prince of Wales as a most agreeable diversion, however it may have been appreciated by Sir Bartle Frere and Canon Duckworth. Active service was resumed as commander of the famous ironclad Thunderer, under Captain Wilson. Then came more half-pay, a happy marriage, and the command of the Royal yacht Osborne.

Few of the Prince of Wales's friends have received more frequent and graceful tokens of his favour than Lord Charles Beresford. "The Prince is too generous," he will say; "he is always giving me things." The handsome clock on the dining-room mantelpiece, and another on board the Osborne, are gifts of the Prince; and when Lord Charles married the beautiful Miss Gardner the Princess of Wales gave him a superb gold tankard, and the bride the appropriate gift of a set of golden spoons of rare workmanship. The last-named treasures are in places of honour in the charmingly original drawing-room. There are, just now that the rage for decorative skill is at its height, maugre Mr. Du Maurier, Mr. Burnand, and Mr. Gilbert, many drawing-rooms in England remarkable for artistic feeling. They are Queen Anne, or Renaissance, or Oriental in style, as the taste of the châtelaine or the balance at her banker's may decide; but for quaint originality and prettiness none can compare with that of Lady Charles Beresford. It is a region of palms and Japanese umbrellas, in which one is always round the corner. Here is a veiled statue by Belzoni, there a bust of the master by Taylor, and of Lady Charles by Count Gleichen. Curious old silver lies scattered about, and among other curios is the jadestone bracelet worn by 'Tom Fat' until that fraudulent 'heathen Chinee' was detected. In the dim, but not severely religious, light of the hinder limb of this luxurious apartment one plumps upon blackamoors holding gigantic fans and screens, on inviting sofas draped in rich Moorish stuff, on tall Oriental vases and tid-bits of Dresden and Chelsea, on soothing settees and nooks which invite flirtation, on the brass of Benares and the filigree-work of Kashmir. In the evening the effect is delightful in its cunning carelessness and graceful oddity. The crowning charm of this wonderful drawing-room is that it never looks as though it were arranged. By day sofas and settees, armchairs and lounges, suggest that somebody who is very careless, very much in love, and very indifferent to the shins of elderly and purblind people who ought to be dead, has just got up and gone out. By night the rich stuffs from India, Mauritania, and Turkey are thrown into contrast with bright toilettes, among which that of the hostess is sure not to be lacking in taste and originality. Even in morning costume, so much more narrow in its margin than full dress, Lady Charles Beresford can find originality and richness. Without appearing in the least overdressed, she can go out at noon in a frock apparently made of molten gold.

Lady Charles is a skilled artist in making her home pretty, and never imagined a better thing than that balcony or verandah from which one looks over Eaton-square with arms comfortably imbedded and incushioned in the protective padding, thoughtfully placed on the balustrade. This outside drawing-room is useful for smokers, and after dinner it is the scene of many a merry gossip. For the hostess, who is not only imaginative, but conscientious, makes her guests very happy. What is astonishing is, that she is not happy herself—in one particular! Having designed with her own hand, painted, decorated, and arranged everything in the prettiest of all possible houses, she, like a new Alexander, languishes for other worlds to conquer—for other drawing-rooms to decorate. It is all done at No. 100 Eaton-square, and the artistic mind sighs over the fair fabric of exhausted achievement. It is not the possession of a beautiful home which affords pleasure. It is the organisation of it, the intellectual activity involved in its arrangement.

The master of the house, fond as he is of the pretty drawing-room, is, as becomes a host of his genial nature, nearly as much interested in his dining-room. His dining table is fearfully and wonderfully organised. Years ago there used to be gruesome combinations of silver and glass, which simulated a river or lake in the midst of a dinner table, with frosted silver swans and sham water lilies. They were a great success, as such ghastly shams usually are; and they died and passed away, were melted, and went with gold and silver and the like. Lord Charles Beresford, who has no love for the Unverocities, has the real thing—a genuine tank table or dinner table, the whole middle of which is occupied by a lake containing several rocky islands, and a quantity of gold and silver fish. Around the lake are broad banks of dark green lycopodium. From the islands spring ferns and palms and innumerable fountains and jets of water. There is just enough table surface left for the plates and wine glasses of the guests, the remainder being given up to miniature landscape gardening of the most tasteful kind. The *grandes eaux* are only turned on when the dinner party exceeds six in number. At other times dinner is served in a charming room on a level with the drawing-room, and one of the most seductive snuggeries, with its painted ceilings, stained glass windows and doors, and doorposts, window-sills, and all angular bodies covered with rich silk-plush of a dark fawn colour. On the staircase hang the portraits of all the ships in which Lord Charles Beresford has served, and some assegais and knobkerries brought home the other day by Lord William Beresford from Ulundi with the Victoria Cross so gallantly won. Beyond the ships lurks, if an object of such gigantic size can be said to lurk, an instrument which is viewed by various guests with mixed feelings. It is of the organ species, and is played during dinner as an accompaniment to the lights, the fountains and the gold fish, not to speak of the ancient music of knife and fork, and the still more delightful murmur of laughter rippling from red lips. The master is greatly attached to this organ-like construction, and, indeed, to music of any kind, from a penny whistle, on which he is a skilful performer, to a violin.

Most compact and convenient of town houses, from the portrait of Lord Marcus which hangs in the dressing-room aloft to the bulldogs' heads in the hall, No. 100 Eaton-square has also capital stables, containing a four-in-hand team of "tits" who "will spank" if they get the opportunity, the Snip and other carriage horses as well-known in Paris as in London, a smart pony or two, and some clever hunters. In fact, the hunters have to take their turn at the drag in a manner not common to that pampered class of animal. But Lord Charles Beresford, who knows a horse nearly as well as he does a ship, takes great pleasure in hunting his roadsters or driving his hunters, as the reader pleases. As becomes a thorough sailor, he likes an animal to be good "all round," as a man ought to be, a condition which Lord Charles himself certainly fulfils.

We have pleasure in announcing that the usual Summer Entertainment to the inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at Croydon, will take place on Wednesday next, on which occasion we hope a pleasant afternoon will be spent, both by the Old Folks and their visitors. As usual Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Institution, has made every arrangement for the comfort of those concerned, and we feel sure it will not be his fault if all does not go well.

We are informed that the Consecration of the Shadwell Clerke Lodge, No. 1910, is again unavoidably postponed.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

SUBURBAN LODGE, No. 1702.

THE Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, 10th June, at the Abercorn Arms Hotel, Great Stanmore, and as usual on these annual occasions, attracted a large assemblage of visitors. The beautiful locality in which the Lodge is situate, with an enterprising and agreeable host, and brethren influenced only by the true principles of Freemasonry, left nothing to be desired. Bro. Radford, the W.M., presided, supported by his Officers, who were all in their proper places, and by the following array of Visitors:—Bros. H. C. Levander G.J.D. Provincial Grand Secretary Middlesex, P. Dickinson P.M. 1298, T. Vincent W.M. 1861, F. Eckstein W.M. 1196, R. Gifford D.C. 780, W. J. Foster P.M. 19, T. Dubois 142 P.P.G.W. Middlesex, H. G. Gush J.W. 1541, A. Buck J.W. 453, J. J. Bell W.M. 1178, H. T. Bailey 1711, E. C. Garnham 27, F. Turner 534, R. Larchin 1541, C. C. Lockitt 1421, H. J. Dutton 1702, J. W. Hanson 1706, H. Thompson P.M. 177 1158 1426, W. W. King 13, P. Balmo 1804, W. S. Whitaker P.M. 1572, George Kenning P.M. 1677, Nelson Read W.M. 1572, R. G. Webster P.M. 569, W. C. Maddever P.M. 504, E. C. Massey P.M. 1297, H. W. Ruff P.M. 95, E. C. B. Kidder S.W. 12, Mark Hubbard 22, George Watts P.M. 194, R. H. Pearson P.M. 1198, G. E. Miele 1196, Howard Ruff 95. The Lodge having been opened, and the usual preliminaries gone through, the following candidates were successively introduced and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, viz., Mr. John Martin Draper, Mr. Nicholas Lawrence Tindell, and Mr. William John Child Rea. The W.M. then resigned the chair, which was taken by Bro. Tickle P.M. and Treasurer, and Bro. Buck S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Buck was duly installed into the chair of K.S. as W.M. for the ensuing year. He appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. W. Radford I.P.M., J. F. Hepburn S.W., C. S. Buck J.W., J. Tickle Treasurer, C. Hawksley Secretary, G. H. Carter S.D., W. R. Strutt J.D., J. L. Roberts I.G., E. C. Kilsby W.S., C. Winstanley Steward. The W.M. said he had to inform the brethren that Bro. Tickle, whom he was glad to see once more among them, after his severe illness, had presented the Lodge with a beautiful Volume of the Sacred Law, which lay before them, and he moved that the thanks of the Lodge be given to Bro. Tickle for his appropriate gift, and that the vote be entered on the minutes. Bro. Roberts P.M. seconded the motion, which was put and unanimously agreed to. Some other business was disposed of, and Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren adjourned to a banquet, which reflected great credit on Bro. Veal, the worthy host of the Abercorn Hotel. The usual toasts were given, and a very pleasant evening was spent, which was enlivened by some excellent songs, by Bro. Hanson, of 1702, and other brethren. The Tyler's toast brought a most agreeable meeting to a close.

Tredegar Lodge, No. 1625.—The closing meeting of the season was held at Bro. A. Yates's, the Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, E., on the 13th inst. Lodge was opened by Bro. C. Kendall W.M., with rather a scanty attendance—the brethren, however, mustering in goodly numbers later on. Bro. Kendall was assisted by Bros. J. Maud S.W., H. W. Clarke J.W., E. G. Anning P.M. Treasurer, R. T. Sly P.M. Secretary, C. Lacey P.M., A. Deason S.D., H. Coningham D.C., W. H. Hubbert I.G., G. W. Verry I.P.M., Huggett P.M.; also Bros. C. Henery, G. F. Thomas, W. Goddard, S. Warren, R. E. Jones, J. J. Berry P.M., J. Walker, G. Brooks, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. S. Jenkins Jubilee 72, J. Taylor J.D. Yarborough 554, T. Loane W.S. and A. Furness Langthorne 1421, B. Hart Fidelity 3, A. S. Judd 1421, G. H. Stephens J.D. 1623, C. Brown Osborn 1804, &c. The minutes having been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced, and Bro. R. E. Jones, who had attained the second degree, was tested as to his proficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge further advanced, and that Bro. was admitted to the degree of Master Mason. The ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. W. H. Stone, and was favourable. That gentleman was accordingly admitted to the mysteries of the Order, the W.M., who worked carefully, being assisted by a Visitor, J. Taylor J.D. 554, who acted as Deacon. After the transaction of several matters of interest, Lodge was closed and adjourned over the recess. The next regular meeting is to take place in September next, when we trust Bro. Kendall will continue to enjoy a continuance of the prosperity which has characterised the early portion of his year of office. After a long and tedious wait, the brethren, numbering nearly forty, sat down to a well-supplied supper, Bro. Yates giving his personal superintendence to the serving. After grace, Bro. C. Kendall, remarking upon the lateness of the hour and the great heat, gave the combined toast, Loyalty to the Throne and Prosperity to the Craft and its Rulers. Bro. Sly acting I.P.M. gave the toast of the W.M., which was cordially received, and after a humorous ditty from Bro. Henery, the W.M. returned thanks for the kind manner his toast had been honoured. He had endeavoured to discharge his duties as well as possible, and hoped when his term of office had expired to be spared many years to render any service the Lodge might require. The health of the Past Masters was next drank, and briefly responded to by Bros. C. Lacey and Huggett. In toasting the initiate Bro. W. H. Stone, the W.M. said they were very glad to see new blood, as they were also glad to have old faces among them, and he asked the brethren to tender their newly-initiated brother a hearty welcome. Bro. Berry here sang the "Entered Apprentice Song." Bro. Stone, in returning thanks, said he was very thankful for the manner in which he had been received, and hoped in time to become a good working brother among them—a sentiment which was heartily received. After a capital song ("Bell Ringer," by Wallace) from Bro. A. S. Judd, the W.M. toasted the Visitors, and the brethren of the Lodge accorded the toast a warm reception. Bro. Loane, W.S. 1421, thanked the W.M. and the brethren for proposing, and so heartily coupling his name with that of the Visitors. It was not the first time he had been amongst them; he always felt much pleasure in meeting among the members many dear and old friends. Bros. Judd, Warren and Brown also responded. There was, the W.M. said, another very pleasing toast to introduce. A Treasurer and Secretary no Lodge could do without, and they were fortunate in having very good brethren to discharge those important offices. Bro. E. G. Anning P.M. Treasurer said, on a former occasion the brethren had been pleased to pay him a high honour by electing him to be their W.M. They had been pleased since to confer a higher honour upon him in electing him as their Treasurer, the duties of which office he would endeavour to discharge to their satisfaction and to the interest of the Lodge. Bro. Anning further alluded to the arrangement he had agreed to in reference to paying off the Founder's fees. Bro. R. T. Sly sen. said the Secretary of any Institution should be the life and soul of it, and, as he had endeavoured, should perform his duties conscientiously. The Secretary, as a rule, had often to be a buffer—"This brother could not owe what the Secretary charged," &c., still he hoped the same good feeling which had hitherto existed would always continue between them. The Officers were next toasted, and Bros. W. H. Hubbert and Coningham responded. The latter brother's remarks caused considerable merriment. The Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated in good time, in peace and harmony.

ROYAL ARCH.

De Sussex Chapter, No. 406.—The regular convocation of this Chapter was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. There were present Comps. R. L. Armstrong M.E.Z., Dr. Luke Armstrong H., G. Cockburn J., Ralph Carr S.E., R. G. Salmon N., S. M. Harris P.S., G. S. Sims Janitor; P.Z.'s T. J. Armstrong, John Ridsdale, and Hotham Treas. The Visitors were Comps. John Wood H. 48, and R. Simons 481, &c. Chapter having been opened in solemn form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for five brethren, and in each case it proved successful. Bros. John Page, William Mure Lion, and Tate, being in attendance, were exalted into R.A. Masonry by the M.E.Z., the ceremony being worked by the Principals and Officers in a most perfect manner. The sum of £10 10s was unanimously voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The M.E.Z. announced, with much sorrow, the death of the P.G. Superintendent, L. M. Cockcroft, and it was agreed that a letter of condolence be sent to his widow and family; also that the Chapter should go into mourning for three months. Other routine business having been gone through, the Chapter was closed with prayer, and the Companions adjourned to refreshment.

THE *Best* STYLE OF WINDOW GARDENING.—It cannot be said that Great Queen-street, Holborn, though from its long association with English Freemasonry—of which, indeed, it is the very centre—it will commend itself to the respect of all Freemasons, is a lively thoroughfare. For so small a street it has a very considerable traffic, and the block of buildings comprising Freemasons' Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, and Bacon's Hotel, if not very imposing, is nevertheless solid and substantial, as becomes the edifice that comprises the Headquarters of the Masonic Craft in England. But in spite of the undoubted respectability of its appearance, our Hall is somewhat dingy. No one, we should think, is likely to disobey the injunction, "Audi, Vide, Tace," inscribed over its entrance, for no one, we imagine, would ever be so rash as to boast of having seen its exterior; while, if we may judge from the lamps that are placed on either side of the porch, and the light they occasionally emit, we are greatly afraid the public will be led to form a poor idea of the "Light" that is acquired through a knowledge of Freemasonry, or the verity of two of our boasted attributes of "Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty." Be this as it may, however, the Hall is not an attractive building, except, perhaps, by comparison with the shops which line the two sides of the street. But the Tavern, on the contrary, is quite a lively looking structure, and it requires no great stretch of the imagination to suppose one may enjoy a good breakfast or dinner within its hospitable portals. And now that it has put on its summer garb, it is quite refreshing to spend an odd moment or two in admiring it under its latest—and shall we be held guilty of exaggeration if we add its *Best?*—aspect. Window gardening is one of the newest and most pleasant features of modern London, and here at Freemasons' Tavern for the last few days we have seen it in its newest development. There would undoubtedly be a better than this Best development, were there a few darker hues of colour mingled with the light and brilliant yellows and greens, &c., &c. A little more scarlet here and there, and some dark purple in the background, would give a richer appearance to these floral decorations, but this, after all, is merely a matter of taste. But, background or no background, we repeat that Freemasons' Tavern in its summer habiliments looks more than ever like a "gay and festive cuss" of a structure that, for the greater part of the year is mainly, if not entirely, devoted to feasting and merriment. No doubt the Editor of our contemporary, which a few weeks back migrated to Great Queen-street, and is situated almost exactly opposite the friendly hostelry of Bro. Best, will derive additional inspiration for his articles from the frequent glimpses he must obtain of the Tavern windows. By the way, the cowl which surmounts Freemasons' Hall is in severe contrast with Bro. Best's window gardens, and only needs a slight addition to be easily mistaken for a relic of old Tyburn in a state of extreme agitation.

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FRANCE AND TUNIS.

France and Tunis. London: F. Chifferiel & Co., 31 to 37 Cursitor-street, and 38 Chancery-lane. 1881. Price Sixpence.

The Tunisian Question and Biserta. By Montague J. Guest, Esq., M.P. Illustrated with Maps and Lithographic Views by Vice-Admiral T. Spratt. London: F. Chifferiel & Co. Price One Shilling.

THE new relations between France and Tunis form part of a somewhat complicated political question, and it is very properly a law absolute among Freemasons, who are men of every shade of politics, as they are men of every kind of religion and of all nationalities, that political questions as such must not be discussed in our Lodges. It follows reasonably that, in the consideration of all such questions, it is the duty of a Masonic journal to observe the strictest neutrality. Still there is nothing, in this view of our duty, to prevent us saying that a book or pamphlet, albeit it may treat of matters political, contains, nevertheless, a considerable amount of such information as is calculated to throw light on the subject dealt with. This is undoubtedly the case with the pamphlet "France and Tunis," and the still more elaborate narrative by Brother Montague Guest, M.P. Both of them throw light on what is known as the Franco-Tunisian Question, while Bro. Guest's narrative enjoys the further advantage of being capitally illustrated by maps and lithographic views. To all who take an interest in the matter we can unhesitatingly commend the works under notice.

The following excerpt from the first-quoted pamphlet is well worth reading, and as it is merely descriptive there is no harm in quoting it; no departure from the well-known Masonic rule as to abstinence from politics, to which we have already referred, being involved:—

It is now more than a thousand years that Tunis has been subject to Moslem rule. Although Charles V. succeeded in establishing a Spanish protectorate in 1535, the European influence thus imposed was of a very brief duration. When the famous Kheiradine Pasha retook Tunis, he formally asserted the Sultan of Turkey's direct authority over the Tunisian Regency. The Beys were, from that time (and we have no concern whatever with any more remote period of Tunisian history) *elected* by the Imperial Divan and the Turkish Militia. The name of the Bey thus elected was at once submitted to the Sultan, who generally sent a commissioner with an Imperial rescript to perform the ceremony of investiture, and on this being completed the Bey obtained the title of *Vezir* (now changed to Mushir) as well as the rank and dignity of a Pasha.

About 160 years ago, Hussein Aly, a native of Crete, and Agha of the Turkish Militia, was elected Bey, and from that time to the present day, his descendants have been successively elected by the *ulemas* (members of the religious corporations) and the people, and proclaimed in the Great Mosque. The above mentioned procedure, as to confirmation and investiture by the Sultan, has been always scrupulously adhered to, and the present Bey, Muhamed Sadik, was so elected and invested in pursuance of ancient usage and custom. An Arab insurrection in 1869 rendered it advisable to place the relations existing between the Bey of Tunis and his suzerain, the Sublime Ottoman Porte, on the clearest possible basis, and it had no sooner terminated then the Bey sent General Kheiradine to Constantinople for that purpose, as well as to return thanks for the assistance given by the Turkish troops in quelling the revolt The Tunisian emissary obtained a Vizirial letter confirming the political status of the Regency, and declaring that His Majesty the Sultan accorded the right of hereditary succession to the Husseinite family on certain clearly specified conditions.

British Decorations. From the year 1348 to the present time, together with those given by allies. By Fred. Brine, Col. R.E. Sixth Edition. Showing the Afghan and South African War Ribbons. London: Edward Stanford, 55 Charing Cross, S.W., and Arthur Ackermann, 191 Regent-street, W.

The compilation of this chart of British Decorations reflects the greatest credit on Bro. Col. Brine, who, albeit the publication will appear so simple a matter, must have devoted much time and trouble in the collection of the materials. The ribbons of the different orders and medals are exact facsimiles of those worn by the fortunate recipients. The dates when founded, and the special services for which they were awarded, are likewise given, so that within the compass of a single sheet of paper, or card of moderate size, may be seen, at a glance, the orders and decorations which have been instituted or awarded from the days of the third Edward down to last year, when the Zulu and Afghan campaigns were brought to a satisfactory termination. The price, too, is another feature to be commended, a copy on paper being only two shillings, or on card half-a-crown.

Exhibition of Designs and Pictures for Christmas and New Year Cards.

It goes without saying that everything that tends to elevate the public taste in matters artistic is worth encouraging, and there can be no doubt that if this Exhibition of Designs and Pictures suitable for Christmas and New Year Cards is carried out in the manner contemplated by its promoters, Messrs. Hildesheimer and Faulkner, of 41 Jewin-street, E.C., it must have the effect of raising the tone and character of what is at present rather a branch of trade than what it undoubtedly should be—a branch of art. These gentlemen, in order to make this exhibition a success, have arranged to give prizes to the extent of three thousand five hundred pounds, to be awarded according to a graduated scale, to the best hundred sets of original Designs and Pictures for Christmas and New Year Cards. The following, which will be awarded by the judges, Messrs. W. P. Frith, R.A., J. E. Millais, R.A., and Marcus Stone, A.R.A., are the more important, namely:—One prize of two hundred pounds, one of one hundred and fifty pounds, two of one hundred pounds each, six of seventy-five pounds each, and twenty of fifty pounds each. These together make up £2000, and in addition will be given away twenty prizes of twenty-five pounds each, and fifty of twenty pounds each. It is confidently expected, however, that the number and character of designs sent in will be such as to enable them to give a number of commissions and make purchases to the extent of at least £1500, in which case, of course, the amount of Messrs. Hildesheimer and Faulkner's venture will be £5000. The Exhibition will take place at the Gallery of the Society of British Artists, Suffolk-street, Pall Mall East, and will be open to the public from the 8th to the 27th August, both days inclusive. All designs and pictures must be sent in on Tuesday, 26th July, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. For full particulars as to the conditions of competition, application should be made forthwith to Messrs. Hildesheimer and Faulkner. We may mention, however, that a set of designs may consist of "two, three, four, or six compositions, all of which must be of one size, and in keeping with each other in style and mode of treatment." The designs themselves may consist of Figures, Humorous Subjects, Landscapes, Animals, Birds, Flowers, Ornaments, Forms, or a combination of the foregoing, and these need not necessarily be appropriate to the Christmas season only. On the contrary, subjects suitable for Easter, Birthday, and Valentine cards will be received, and be eligible for prizes. Christmas or New Year sentiments may or may not appear on the designs, and no limit is assigned to the number of sets of designs which a single artist may contribute. The designs must be original and never before published, and may be painted in oils or water-colours, on paper, canvas, or cardboard. They may be of any shape, but within the limits of ten inches by seven, and five inches by three and a half. "*First class* pen and ink drawings and designs, in sepia and black and white, will be admitted to the competition." The hundred sets of designs to which prizes are awarded shall be delivered over to Messrs. Hildesheimer and Faulkner, with an assignment of copyright from each artist, and shall then become and remain the property of those gentlemen absolutely. They further reserve to themselves the right of purchasing any sets to which prizes are not awarded, at the prices named in the sealed envelopes accompanying, such prices in all cases to include copyright. All designs must be delivered at the Gallery aforesaid free of expense, and removed at the artist's charges within six days after the close of the Exhibition. Mr. Edward Freeman, of the Society of British Artists, has kindly undertaken the duties of management, so that with his experience and the liberal and enterprising spirit of the promoters, there is good reason to hope this novel exhibition will prove to be a great success.

Summer Tour in Scotland. Glasgow to the Highlands. "The Royal Route," *vid* Crinan and Caledonian Canals. With Lists of Sailings and Fares. By Daniel MacBrayne's Royal Mail Steamers "Columba," "Iona," &c. Official Guide.

WE have had the pleasure of noticing this Official Guide of Mr. MacBrayne's Service of Steamers in former years. We need do little more, therefore, than repeat the favourable opinion we have expressed, that intending tourists to the Highlands of Scotland who select this route will find that everything possible has been done by the enterprising owner of the Columba, Iona, and its sister vessels, in order to meet their convenience in respect of time, charges, and accommodation. The service is organised on the most liberal scale, the fares being moderate, and the facilities for visiting the various places of interest between Glasgow and the Western Highlands such as are afforded by few, if any, other Companies of a like character. The Guide Book itself has been compiled with the utmost pains. Though necessarily concise, the amount of information it contains is even more complete than could have been expected. There are several capital illustrations of places of exceptional interest, while tables have, to all appearance, been compiled with exemplary diligence and accuracy. Those who desire to have fuller information will obtain it on application to Mr. MacBrayne himself, at his Offices 119 Hope-street, Glasgow.

The Boys' World.—We have received the June part of this excellent periodical, which is one of the most readable publications of its kind with which we are acquainted. Among the most stirring of the serial stories is that of "Allan Fairfax, or the Days of Richard Cœur de Lion." There is, too, great variety of adventure in "The Three Orphans," and there is a great deal of wholesome fun in "Tom Takeitall's School-days," by Ralph Rollington. In addition will be found many good short stories, and several interesting papers of a serious or a useful nature. We like the character of this publication, and strongly recommend it to the patronage of our young readers. As the price is only *fourpence* for *eighty* pages of good, solid, and healthy matter, we trust *The Boy's World* has a long and prosperous future before it.

The *Bulletin du Grand Orient de France* contains the second list of sums subscribed in aid of the sufferers by the inundations in Belgium. The total is a fraction over 3,421 francs, which, added to that of the first list of over 2,442 francs, makes the very satisfactory aggregate of 5,863 francs, or rather more than £234. The particular amounts subscribed range from 200 francs to 5 francs. This is a worthy testimony to the benevolence of the Lodges holding under the Grand Orient of France.

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THE LATE BRO. L. M. COCKCROFT.

IT is with much regret we have to announce the death of the R.W. Bro. L. M. Cockcroft, who for many years held the high office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland, as well as that of Provincial Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch Chapter. His death occurred quite suddenly while on a visit at Dumfresne. His loss will be severely felt throughout the whole Craft. He was a stanneh supporter of our Charities, and in every sense of the word a hard-working Mason. The remains of Bro. L. M. Cockcroft, who was also for many years coroner for the Southern Division of Northumberland, were brought to his residence in Newcastle, and interred at the Jesmond Old Cemetery, on Saturday last. At the funeral all the town Lodges of the Masonic body, and most of the country Lodges, were represented, amongst those present being Bros. J. Ward Mustart, R. L. Armstrong, Milburn, J. Cook, J. Hotham, J. Straker Wilson, R. G. Salmon, C. Haswell, Dunkin, Anderson, B. Thompson, John Ridsdale, R. Eynon, Ralph Carr, W. M. Bell, T. Y. Strachan, J. J. Bentham, J. G. Youll, A. Watson, Addison Potter, J. S. Challoner, N. Mein, R. Smailes, Bolam, G. F. Charlton, H. S. Baird, R. H. B. Whickham, Rev. J. Reed, Rev. R. Cook, J. J. Annan, W. Scott, Robertson, J. Armstrong, S. T. Bell, S. M. Harris, G. Coates, F. Blencowe, W. Cummins, J. G. Taylor, R. Robson, R. J. Milburn, Place, — Featherstone, Wood, Dunford, C. H. Stanton John Atkinson, and John Robson. The *cortege*, which consisted of the hearse, three mourning coaches, and private carriages, accompanied by the Freemasons on foot, left the residence of the deceased gentleman in Victoria Square, Jesmond Road, shortly before mid-day. The funeral service was most impressively read by the Rev. C. Raines, Vicar of St. Peter's, with which church Bro. Cockcroft was for many years connected. The coffin, which was covered with flowers, bore the inscription, "Lonsdale Maving Cockcroft, aged 54, died June 6th, 1881." When the service was over, and as the grave was about to be filled in, each of the Masons present dropped a sprig of acacia on the coffin.

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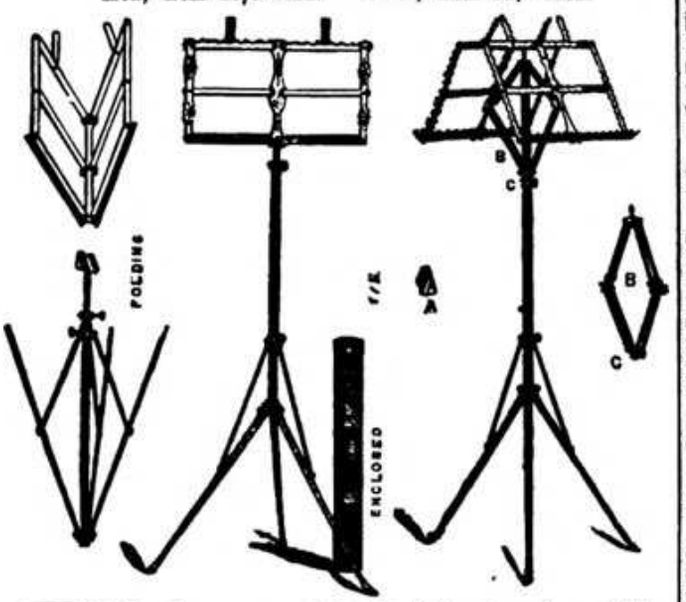
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FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

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WASHINGTON AS A MASON.

(REPRINTED FROM THE KEYSTONE.)

An Oration delivered before St. John's Lodge, No. 1, *F. and A.M., Newark, New Jersey, on the occasion of the Eighty-ninth Annual Celebration by that Lodge of the Birthday of Washington,* 22*nd February* 1801, *by Bro. Marshall B. Smith, Past Grand Master of Masons, New Jersey.*

(Continued from page 327.)

The City founded as the Capital of the Nation had received the name of Washington, as the one of all others most appropriate at that period; and on the eighteenth of September 1793, in Masonic clothing and with Masonic Ceremonies, he laid the corner-stone of the Capitol. The Gavel used by him on that occasion became a treasured relic of Georgetown Lodge of the District of Columbia, which Lodge was represented at the ceremony by its officers and members. Thus, with representatives of the Grand Lodge around him, and holding the highest civic office on this Continent—may we not say on the globe—he wore the insignia of the Craft, and wrought in one of its most impressive acts of labour. He had laid the foundations of the Republic, and laid them on the enduring Masonic bases of Truth and Brotherhood; he now laid, with Masonic Rites, the corner-stone of a fabric which was to symbolize the power and dignity of law and order. A fabric which is to-day—notwithstanding the corruption that may be found, and perhaps always will be found within it—a witness to the Nations of the unity and the perpetuity of this Republic.

On the determination of Washington to retire finally from public life being made known, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, with the leading members of which he was personally acquainted, addressed him under date of 27th December 1796. I quote from the Reprint of their Proceedings a portion of their address: MOST RESPECTED SIR AND BROTHER: Having announced your intention to retire from Public *Labour* to that *Refreshment* to which your eminent services for near half a century have so justly entitled you, permit the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at this last Feast of our Evangelic Master St. John, on which we can hope for an immediate communication with you, to join the grateful voice of our Country in acknowledging that you have carried forth the principles of the Lodge into every walk of your life, by your constant labours for the prosperity of that Country, by your unremitting endeavours to promote Order, Union, and Brotherly Affection amongst us, and lastly, by the vows of your farewell address to your brethren and fellow-citizens; an address which we trust our children and our children's children will ever look upon as a most invaluable legacy, from a *Friend*, a *Benefactor*, and a *Father*." *

The reply of Washington—which, in his own handwriting, is now in the Grand Secretary's office in the Masonic Temple Philadelphia—was as follows:—

"Fellow Citizens and Brothers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania: I have received your address with all the feelings of Brotherly affection mingled with those sentiments for the Society which it was calculated to excite. To have been, in any degree, an instrument in the hands of Providence to promote Order and Union, and erect upon a solid foundation the true principles of Government, is only to have shared with many others in a labour the result of which, let us hope, will prove through all ages a sanctuary for Brothers, and a Lodge for the Virtues.

"Permit me to reciprocate your prayers for my temporal happiness, and to supplicate that we may all meet hereafter in that Eternal Temple whose builder is the Great Architect of the Universe."

The same lofty sentiments find expression in his replies to addresses, from the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts (12th June 1797), and Maryland (8th November 1798).

He was again summoned, in view of impending dangers, to take charge of the army; but his eventful life was now drawing to a close. "Into every walk of it," he had indeed, to use the language of the Pennsylvania address just quoted—"carried forth the principles of the Lodge;" yes, more, the principles of that First Great Light of Masonry, the inspired and infallible Word of God. It was well, doubtless, that a century so fraught with interest in the world's history should be rounded off by the completion of the earthly career of one whose life had constituted so large a part of its record. A short illness, from a seemingly trivial cause, and death came gently to one who had faced it without a tremor in many a scene of peril and privation and on many a field of battle. Surrounded by his household, with no blot upon his life record, in the confidence of faith,

> "He gave his honours to the world again,
> His blessed part to heaven, and slept in peace."

It was the fourteenth of December, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine. The century had well nigh gone, bearing with it ages of superstition, oppression and arrogance; leaving behind it a home for the oppressed and the wronged, the memory of heroic deeds, grand incentives to higher thoughts and a truer manhood; and opening a *Future*, whose wondrous things are our strength and enjoyment in the *Present* of to-day.

On the eighteenth of December 1799 the mortal remains of the "FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY" were laid to rest with the impressive ceremonial of Freemasonry. The symbolic evergreen, significant reminder of the soul's immortality, was deposited in the tomb, and the mission of the Fraternity was, in this respect, completed. It had entrusted its secrets to one who had nobly kept them; it had imparted its lessons to an apt scholar, whose life had been one of their highest exemplifications; it had rejoiced in the elevation of one who was never elated by promotion or corrupted by official surroundings; it laid him to rest when his works were ended, feeling nobler for having had such a life loaned to it by the Divine Life Giver.

The Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and Massachusetts, successively took action in favour of a day of Commemoration; the latter of these selected the day chosen by your Lodge, while the Grand Lodge of New Jersey appointed 14th December, the day of Washington's death, as a day of Annual Observance.†

* For this address, in full, and the Proceedings connected with its presentation to Washington in person, by a committee, of which Rev. Bro. Wm. Smith, D.D., Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, was the Chairman, see Reprint G.L. Proceedings of Pennsylvania, Part II. pp 181-184.

† From the minutes of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, under date of "8th January, 5800," I make the following extracts: "The Right Worshipful Grand Master [General Joseph Bloomfield] announced to

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This latter date has long since ceased to be observed; but your commemoration continues, and the records of your Lodge present a long succession of Brethren who by their earnest words have kept alive the memory of this true man, faithful Craftsman, brave soldier unselfish patriot, incorruptible magistrate, and devout worshipper of God.

Worshipful Master and Brethren,—I have thus given an outline—for this is all that I have done— of the *Masonic* life of Washington. It may be that I have only told over again a familiar story, or followed the line of thought of those who have preceded me in this time-honoured and honourable service; a service which, from its history and associations, any Craftsman might be proud to render. So be it; such a history cannot suffer by rehearsal, nor can such lines of thought be overworn by repeated use. Such a life brings us face to face with the foundation principles of our Brotherhood; it makes life more worth living; it reveals something of that Divine power by which the truth is endued with might, and through which man becomes complete and god-like.

Washington stands forth, not simply as a signal example of rounded, developed, completed manhood, but also as a true exponent of the living principles of our Brotherhood. And a great Brotherhood it is, when its laws are obeyed and its tenets are transformed to living practice. A Society whose watchword is love; whose aim is peace; whose mission is to improve the minds, elevate the moral sense, and adorn the lives of its members, must possess—whatever be its defects—elements of vitality, of growth, and of expansion. In its normal condition, such an institution, containing such elements of life as we have been contemplating, obeys the laws of true physical, social, and intellectual being. It grows and strengthens with its growth. Like the Banian of the Indies, it sends forth, from its branches, shoots that may in turn become trees, and yet all be still united together. At once conservative and progressive—*Constantia Mobilis*, to use the expressive terseness of Bacon; preserving independence of action, conserving community of interests. A Brotherhood whose real work is CHARITY, in the highest sense of that word; not simply *almsgiving*—relief to the needy; but *Love*—kindness to the erring, sympathy with the suffering, protection to the widow and the fatherless. Of such an Institution any of us might say, with Washington, "I shall always be happy to advance the interests of the Society;" and it would be well if each member of it desired, with him, "to be considered a deserving brother."

Worshipful Master and Brethren,—To be members of such a Fraternity as ours, is to make a high *Moral* profession, and to assume great personal responsibilities. Men whom the world has delighted to honour, and men, who, in the Church, in the State, or in other walks of life, have been public and private benefactors, have upheld our Standard of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, as alike consonant with patriotism and Christianity. The man whose memory we honour to-night was but one of many in the great company of those who have trod our tesselated floor and bowed at our sacred altar. Shall not the great principles which they prized be ever valued by us? Shall not their lives, charged with thoughts that live and with deeds that have left their impress upon the centuries, be to us as an inspiration, leading to nobler and higher longings after truest manhood?

Here, sacred memories and historic associations gather together. Your gavel has been sounded by strong, right hands that lifted the victor's sword on the battle-fields of the Revolution; the voice of authority has been uttered in your Lodge by lips that have moved men's minds and hearts in the court-room or in the Senate Chamber, with cogent reasoning or forensic eloquence; and some holding high place in civil authority have here held office. Beside your altar, on the 25th July, the noble Lafayette revived the associations of a third of a century before, when, with your furniture and jewels, amid the camp fires of the Revolution he was made a Mason.* Into your Lodge room, on the evening of 21st April 1852, in the presence of more than five hundred brethren, came the great Magyar and brother Mason, Kossuth, to learn from your words, sealed by a noble act of beneficence, that on the altar of old St. John's Lodge the fire of love burned so brightly as to flash its light even into the deep recesses and mountain fastnesses of Hungary. Your fathers and sons and brothers have gone forth to found other Masonic homes, and many of them to shed lustre upon the name of the venerable Lodge in which they first saw the light by which Masons work. Voices that have been heard in song at these annual commemorations have been silenced; lives, useful and honoured, have been ended; hands, whose brotherly grasp we have felt, have moulded to dust; eyes, that flashed upon us the light of intelligence and of love, are closed. The Acacia of eternal being, not rootless, but living and growing, tells of *their* immortality. *We* are here to-night. The Birthday, and the closing hour—in the usage of your Lodge—linked together; what, my brothers, shall the life be that lies between them? It may have its shadows, but let us learn that

> "Darkness in the pathway of man's life
> Is but the shadow of God's Providence,
> By the great Sun of Wisdom cast thereon;
> And what is dark below is light in heaven."

Shall it not be a life wrought out to full completeness by the power of HIM, the mystic symbol of whose name incites reverence and to reverential service. Earnest fellow-Craftsmen, whoever or whatever thou art, if this night one new desire or impulse toward better, higher, or holier things, has been kindled within thy soul, take the Great Light—the "Word"—in thy hand and in thy heart, and go forward. Wasting and decay may be around thee; failure and disappointment may seem to threaten thee; but the materials are not wanting from which lives like that of Washington were builded, and from fields that await the tilling and the sowing, rich harvests may yet be reaped. Receive, then the lesson which this Annual Commemoration teaches:

> "A charmed life old Goodness hath;
> The tares may perish—but the grain
> Is not for death."

As the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will not take place for some ten days—the exact date and place are Wednesday, the 29th inst., at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, under the presidency of the R.W. Marquess of Londonderry, K.T., P.G.M. Durham—there is ample time yet for a very sensible increase in the number of brethren who may be willing to serve on the Board of Stewards. Hence, those of our readers who may be desirous of placing their services at the disposal of Bro. Binckes, should do so forthwith. Under the circumstances we have already described in these pages, there are substantial reasons why the approaching Festival should be a productive one. We trust the Craft generally will not be unmindful of those reasons, and the Festival of 1881 will not be the least of the many brilliant successes which Bro. Binckes has achieved during the latter years of his Secretaryship.

The annual distribution of prizes and visit of the Festival Stewards will take place, as usual, at the School, Wood Green, on Tuesday the 28th June, under the presidency of the Marquess of Londonderry, K.T., Chairman of the Festival.

The Grand Lodge of the Province of Surrey will be held on Saturday, the 25th inst., under the banner of the Surrey Lodge, No. 416, at the Public Hall, Reigate. The brethren are to assemble at one o'clock, and the customary banquet will be supplied at 3.30.

The *Voice of Masonry* for the current month contains a long and interesting account of the commemoration of the anniversary of the fiftieth birthday of Bro. Christopher Diehl, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Utah. The entertainment in honour of the occasion was held in the Masonic Hall, Salt Lake City, and there were present a large number of Masons (among whom were Bro. John S. Scott P.G. Master, and P. H. Emmerson Grand Master), with their wives and daughters. Grand Master Emmerson, after an appropriate and justly complimentary speech, handed to Bro. Diehl a package, which, on being opened, was found to contain a handsome and massive gold watch and chain, the former bearing the inscription, "Presented to R.W. Christopher Diehl Grand Secretary A.F. and A.M., on his fiftieth birthday, by his Masonic Friends at Utah, March 22, 1881." Bro. Diehl was deeply affected on making his acknowledgments.

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the Brethren the death of our deceased Brother General GEORGE WASHINGTON, in the following address, to wit: I announce to you, Brethren, that it hath pleased the Divine Creator, on the 14th of December 5799, to remove our great and good Brother, George Washington, in the 68th year of his age, from the cares and troubles of this transitory existence TO A STATE OF ETERNAL DURATION. May his death remind us of our approaching fate, and incline us to be more strongly cemented in the ties of union and friendship, that by regulating our conduct here agreeably to the dictates of truth, wisdom and discretion, we may prosecute our journey, without dread or apprehension, to that far distant country from whose bourne no traveller returns—and that we may enjoy in our last moments that serene tranquillity of mind which ever flows from a good conscience void of offence towards God and man.'

"Brother John N. Cumming [Past Grand Master and Past Master of St. John's Lodge], proposed the following motion: that any of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge may make such funeral processions in honour of the late deceased Brother General Washington as to them may seem proper, they preserving established rules; and that the day of the first procession be on the 22d of February next, and ever after on the 14th of December, and that the several Lodges be hung in black and the members wear mourning for our deceased Brother until the Festival of next St. John's Day, which being seconded and the question being taken, whether the Lodge agree thereto, it was carried unanimously in the affirmative."—*Hough's Reprint*, pages 84-86.

* See "Historical Sketch of Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, at Philadelphia, by George Griscom, Esq., P.M.," pages 49-52. This was the Lodge—then a Military Lodge in the First Regiment of Pennsylvania Artillery, Col. Thomas Proctor, Worshipful Master—that borrowed the jewels of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, for use at Morristown, where they were encamped, and where they conferred the degrees upon the illustrious Lafayette.

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EASTERN STAR.

From the VOICE OF MASONRY.

THE future of the Order, now so promising, can be made not only equal to, but to surpass its bright prospects, by proper attention to, and strengthening of its weakest points. We have a practical unity of action and uniformity of work. Our laws, which a few years ago were in an inchoate state, are being rapidly solidified, and made practical. The general principles upon which the laws in the several jurisdictions are based are now pretty well settled, and the structures built upon them promise to be both permanent and substantial. The various Grand Chapters, with possibly one or two exceptions, are in a very prosperous condition, while the Order is being extended and established, not with lightning-like rapidity, but as fast as a regard for its future will warrant, in states and territories where it has not heretofore been known in its organized form. It is pleasant to look on this picture, and, content with present happiness and satisfaction, to shut our eyes to any imperfections which may exist, but it is not wise. Mistakes incorporated into its being, though they may produce no serious results *now*, will surely, in the end, bring forth their legitimate fruits.

What, then, are some of the needful things? What does our Order lack? I might answer, in the language of a venerable brother, now gone to his rest, that "it needs more devotion to its principles," and *that* it will probably need as long as human nature is frail, and the principles are those which require more than human power to live up to in perfection, and though we may never hope to attain perfection—for that is a thing not attained upon earth—we can keep striving and pressing toward it, and endeavour to do our whole duty to our fellow men.

"Devotion to principle" covers the whole ground. If we give our lives to that, the future of the Order is safe. But that is general, and, as people go now-a-days, not practical. It is possible to discourse eloquently and fervently upon the needs of our Order, without attaining much, if any good, because the lessons are not specifically set forth.

Among the principles of our Order are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. To these we should be devoted. But what does that imply? That we must extend to our fellow creatures such help as they most need, and which it is within our power to bestow. Does the wail of sorrow go up from hearts oppressed with grief? We should, by kindly words of sympathy, and loving tenderness, endeavour to assuage the affliction. Does the cry of want sound in our ears? We should, with ready hand, minister to the requirements of those in need, remembering that it is more blessed to give than to receive: more pleasant really to minister, than to be ministered unto. Devotion to Truth, alas! is sadly needed in this world of infidelity, both as to Divine and human things. That command, thundered from Mount Sinai, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour," and so gently and lovingly repeated and illustrated upon the hillside in Judea many years afterwards, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do you even so to them." Judge not, that ye be not judged," needs heart as well as lip obedience, before we can hope to meet the approval of our inner consciousness, though by outward show we may obtain that of those around us. Such obedience every one can give. How many do?

One of the most crying needs of the practical exercise of this charity is in cases where differences of opinion may arise as to what is right or expedient in a given case. Too often they run into, or at least are the cause of personal differences, and ill-feeling, which, allowed to grow unrestrainedly, end in "envy, hatred, malice and all uncharitableness," and involve the friends of the two individuals who at first were separated by a narrow stream, which could easily have been stepped across, if either had been what they ought to have been, but which may now have grown to an almost unfathomable gulf. "It *is* hard for us to learn that the same right to hold and express honest convictions of truth which we so fondly claim for ourselves we are in duty bound to extend to others who may differ from us, however widely," and when we are to the best of our ability sustaining what we believe to be the truth, we should not allow ill-feelings to be engendered against those who may view the matter in a different and opposite light. This is one of the "hidden rocks" against which so many societies, both under church and state, are driven and dashed to pieces.

To be, in a worldly point of view, still more practical, by speaking of that which we can see with our eyes and feel with our hands; to secure permanency, our Order needs a broader financial basis than has been given it in any of our jurisdictions. Little if any practical good can be accomplished in this world at the present time without the use, directly or indirectly, of money, and an Order which undertakes to minister to the wants of not only their own members, but to a greater extent to the members of the Masonic family, and to a lesser extent to those who have no claim but that of a common humanity, should have the means of doing it without, as a rule, resorting to a "passing of the hat," or reliance upon entertainments of any nature. Not only would the Order be better able to discharge its duties, if both fees and dues were placed at a higher figure, but those who become members of the Order would appreciate it more, for, no matter how illogical and unreasonable it may appear, yet it is a fact, that in this day, generation, and country, things are valued by their almighty dollar standard. Again, by higher fees and dues the Order would command the membership and encouragement of those who now, knowing nothing of its internal worth, but, judging solely by the financial value placed upon it by itself, do not co-operate with us. I have many times and in various ways called attention to this crying need, and, I believe, with some little effect, but not to any extent in comparison to the necessities of the case. Therefore I urge deliberate consideration and thorough action on the part of those who have the true interests of the Order at heart, and the power, to a greater or less extent, of shaping its future.

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BRO. MASSA AND THE LAST GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE R.M.I.G.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I regret you thought it inexpedient to favour my wish to give publicity, in your independent and impartial journal, to the letter I forwarded some time ago to your contemporary *The Freemason*, stating the injury done me by the incorrect report given therein of the words used by the Chairman at the last General Committee of "the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls."

The Editor of your contemporary may, perhaps, have exercised a very wise discretion, by not allowing my complaint to appear, but is it not rather invidious to give inaccurate reports, and then deny insertion to letters correcting them from those affected!

The report in question, which appeared in his paper of 28th May, is so manipulated that my friends who have read it ask me—"Are you not taking too much notice of this affair?" But when informed that the words actually used by the Chairman—a Grand Officer and Ex-Officio Member of the House Committee, presiding at the contested election of his colleagues, against the nominator of other candidates—were "Indecent" and "Blackguard," the whole matter then appears to them in a very different light. I am sure it will be admitted by all that such language was not only incompatible with impartiality in the chair, and unbecoming a Grand Officer, but also an unwarrantable assault on a Brother Freemason, an unfair aspersion on the candidates nominated by him for the House Committee, and a very bad precedent.

I thank you for your fraternal sympathy with my "difficulty," but believe that when made known to the Craft it will not be found at all "difficult of management," being simply a question of the propriety of the conduct of the Grand Treasurer, in the chair, using the words "Indecent" and "Blackguard" in reference to a brother Mason.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully,

THOS. MASSA.

4 Dowgate Hill, E.C., 14th June 1881.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am very glad the question of having half-yearly instead of yearly elections of Annuitants has been seriously mooted, and I trust the endeavours of those who advocate this change will prove successful. For example, in your Report of the meeting of the Committee of Management of the R.M.B.I., on Wednesday, the 8th instant, Bro. Terry announced that five annuitants had died since the May meeting. Yet *eleven* months must pass away ere it is possible to fill up these vacancies, and this is the more regrettable in the case of those people who are advanced in years. Again, the Committee, with commendable liberality, only four weeks since arranged to increase the number of annuitants by ten, five male and five female, but less than a month has passed, and one-half of its arrangements are rendered void and of none effect. Of course, the elections yearly will double the office work, in respect of preparing and sending out the voting papers, but I am sure this need prove no obstacle. The zeal of Bro. Terry and his staff is too well known to call for any special mention, and the liberality of the Committee in dealing with their Officers is equally well assured.

Faithfully and fraternally,

LIFE GOVERNOR.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the last week's issue of your excellent paper I find, in the report of No. 171, that Bro. H. M. Levy, in responding for the Masonic Charities, urged the brethren to support "the notice of motion, To have the election for the Aged Freemasons and their Widows twice a year, the same as the two other Institutions, so that our poor brethren and their widows might not have to wait twelve weary months for a chance of admission into the Institution." I hope such a notice of motion has been, or will be, given at the next meeting of the Committee. I have known many deserving cases that have been unsuccessful, and they have died before the next election. It is well known that brethren are not eligible until they are 60 years of age, and most of them are in distressed circumstances. Let us then do all we can to help those who, owing to increasing age and infirmities, become almost daily less and less able to help themselves.

I am, yours fraternally,

A PAST MASTER.

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 18th JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.

MONDAY, 20th JUNE.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)

77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
331—Phœnix Public Room Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
424—Merit, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
466—Borough, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthbergs, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
1090—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 462—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne

TUESDAY, 21st JUNE.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at. 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M.—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
452—Frederick of Unity, Greyhound, Croydon
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
1062—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8 (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel. Wolverhampton.

WEDNESDAY, 22nd JUNE.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 730 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)

220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
721—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
872—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction.)
1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction.)
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction.)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R.A. 258—Combinous, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
R.A. 695—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 23rd JUNE.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)

51—Angel, Library, Colchester Castle, at 4 (Installation)
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
373—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 24th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
807—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
834—Kanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 72 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1066—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 185 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
R.A. 1643—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N.Kensington. at 8. (In)

810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 243—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C. 20—Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 25th JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

1462—Wharncliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
1631—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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St. John's Lodge, No. 167.—The regular meeting of this excellent Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 14th instant, at the *Holly* Bush Tavern, Hampstead. Bros. G. Davis W.M., Dutton S.W., Dowsing J.W., Rowe P.M. Treasurer, J. R. Thompson Secretary, J. G. Humphreys S.D., E. Storr I.G.; Past Masters J. Eldridge, Hollis P.P.G.S.B. Herts, Yeomans I.P.M. Visitors—Bros. S. Smout W.M. 1642, James Terry P.P.G.W. Herts, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. After preliminaries, a letter was read from Bro. F. Adlard P.M., thanking the Worshipful Master and brethren for the honour they had conferred on him by electing him an honorary member. Bro. G. W. Hesse was passed to the second degree. It is needless to say the working of the Worshipful Master was perfect; the Officers also performed their duties most efficiently. The Worshipful Master impressively rendered the charge in the second degree. Hearty good wishes were given from the brethren and visitors. The Worshipful Master thanked the Lodge for its support at the last Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which had enabled him to place on his list £100. Lodge was then closed. The brethren partook of a very good and substantial dinner, provided by Bro. Froud. The Worshipful Master said this being a so-called off-night, he would be brief in his speeches, but he would, with all due honour, give the Loyal and Masonic toasts, which he did in appropriate terms. He proposed Success to the Masonic Charities; he was pleased to see Bro. Terry present. With his name he would couple that of Bro. Storr, who is a Steward for the next Anniversary Festival of the Boys. Bro. E. Storr, in responding, said he felt great pleasure in representing this Lodge at the next Festival; he hoped on a future occasion to serve as a Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He advocated the cause of the Boys' School, and especially thanked Bros. Hollis and Eldridge; he had now on his list £65 2s, which sum he hoped to augment. He felt it an honour to represent this Lodge. Bro. Terry spoke of the manner in which this Lodge supported the three Institutions. He referred to the success of the Festival of the Girls' School, and spoke of the honours that had been secured by the pupils of each of our scholastic Institutions. He recounted the advantages the Institution with which he was most closely associated was dispensing, and he trusted on an early occasion to again have a Steward from this Lodge. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bros. Smout W.M. 1642 and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Bro. Thompson P.M. and Secretary then rose; it was a great privilege for him to propose the health of the Worshipful

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Master. This is the fourth time he had been in the chair; his capabilities are well known, and are a great credit for so young a Mason. He hoped they would drink the toast with the enthusiasm which it deserved. The Worshipful Master thanked Bro. Thompson for his kind remarks; he felt it a great honour to be Worshipful Master of this Lodge; he would do everything in his power to uphold the prestige of the Lodge, and his services were at their command. He had, by his exertions at the Lodges of Instruction with which he was associated, handed over £300 to the Charities, and he hoped before long to make it up to £500. He thanked them for their kind support to him while in the chair. The Tyler's toast was then given. Bros. Dowsing, Potter, Storr, and Terry contributed to the enjoyment of the meeting.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 11th instant. Present: Bros. C. Weeden, W.M., Gilham S.W., Kent J.W., Pearcy Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Secretary, E. Woodman S.D., Wolf J.D., Fidge I.G.; also Bros. Halle, D. Moss, A. Ferrar, H. B. Mullord, Patrick, C. Lorkin, J. Lorkin, A. Tuck, Parkes, Halford Treasurer, S. E. Moss, W. Williams, and Fysh. Lodge being opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Ferrar was proved, and on the Lodge being opened in the second degree the ceremony of passing was rehearsed in a very excellent manner. Lodge was called off and on. Bro. Moss worked the first, Bro. Pearcy the second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Gilham was elected to preside at the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. Gilham on the 25th instant, when the attendance of the members of this Lodge of Instruction is requested by Bro. A. W. Fenner the Hon. Sec. This will be the last night of meeting previous to the adjournment, until the first Saturday in September.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554.—At the regular meeting of this Lodge, at Bro. A. Walter's, the Green Dragon, Stepney, E., on the 14th inst. Bro. J. Taylor was W.M., and was well supported by Bros. Harvey S.W., Forss J.W., Shingfield S.D., A. Walter I.G., J. J. Berry P.M. Preceptor, T. J. Barnes; also Bros. W. March, J. T. O'Callaghan, G. H. Stephens, &c. Lodge was opened, and all usual formalities having been observed, Bro. March was interrogated. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed, Bro. March candidate. The first and second sections were worked from the chair, the brethren assisting. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. J. T. O'Callaghan, Corinthian Lodge, No. 120, was admitted a member of the Lodge, and Bro. H. Forss was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. Lodge was closed and adjourned until the 21st inst., when we hope Bro. Forss will be well supported.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday last. Bros. Carr W.M., Polak S.W., Larter J.W., Edwards S.D., Clark J.D., T. Clark I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., Brasted acting Preceptor; also Bros. Catling, Wardell, Christian, Dignam, Cushing, Holdsworth, Smyth, and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Holdsworth candidate. Bro. Catling, as candidate for passing, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Catling was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge was opened and closed in the third degree. Bro. Christian worked the first section of the second lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Holdsworth, of Lodge 1607, was elected a member. Bro. Polak was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

Huyshe Lodge, Stoke.—On Thursday, 6th June, the brethren of this Lodge met for the purpose of electing their W.M. Worshipful Bro. Conguer presided, and the scrip resulted in the unanimous election of Bro. Panter S.W. as his successor. In acknowledging his appointment, Bro. Panter expressed his intention of doing his utmost to justify the confidence of the brethren, and mentioned how pleased he was to have to follow in steps so worthy as those of Bro. Conguer, whose courtesy had been warmly appreciated. Bro. Gillman P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and special reference was made to the exemplary manner in which he had performed the duties of his office. The condition of the finances of the Lodge was pronounced to be highly satisfactory. In a few months the purchase instalments will have been paid off, and the building will be the property of the Lodge. The installation and banquet will take place on the 22nd instant.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. W. Ferguson W.M., J. Early Danks I.P.M., E. J. Blackwell S.W., R. Dowsett J.W., W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, Rev. C. R. Honey S.D., J. H. Hawkes J.D., W. Hickie Org., W. J. Browne D.C., Ravenscroft Steward, R. C. Prickett I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; Past Master Bro. T. J. Pulley; also Bros. Weatherhead, Coates, James, H. Ferguson, Whitfield, Greenaway, Hukins, Cotterell, Bailey. Visitors—Powell P.M. and Treas. 414, Sherwood 414, Blackwell D.C. 414, Bottomley P.M. The Ark, Tench 1215, Millington 1158, Tarrant 1158. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. Sands, a candidate for passing, gave proof of his efficiency, was entrusted, and retired. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Sands was passed to the degree of F.C. Bros. Cotterell and Whitfield, candidates for raising, gave satisfactory proof of their efficiency in the former degrees; and were entrusted, and in due course raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The ceremony was performed by the W.M. in his usual admirable and effective manner, the brethren all joined in singing the beautiful hymn of the third degree, under the direction of Bro. Hickie, who presided at the organ. Lodge was closed to the second and first degrees, when notice of motion was brought forward, "That the Lodge vote of ten guineas to the R.M.I.B. be applied in the name of the J.W. of the Lodge." This was carried unanimously. After the usual ceremonies, the Lodge was closed and adjourned to the second Wednesday in October. We congratulate Bro. Ferguson on his most successful year of office.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 14th June. Bros. Pavitt W.M., Rawe S.W., Johnson J.W., Watkins S.D., Day J.D., Bourne I.G., Worsley Secretary, Myers P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Andrews, White, &c. Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes were read. Lodge opened in the second, when Bro. Andrews was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Worsley worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture. The Lodge closed to first degree, when Bro. Andrews P.M. of Lodge Peace and Harmony, No. 859, was elected a member. Bro. Rawe W.M. 781 was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when he will rehearse the ceremony of the third degree.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, 1445.—At the Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury-pavement, every Wednesday, at 7 p.m., Bro. W. H. Myers P.M. Preceptor. On 8th June, the chair was taken by Bro. James Robson, supported by Bros. Partridge S.W., Kimbell, McDonald, C. Robson, McGregor, C. Smith, Ewen, Seymour-Clarke Secretary and others. Lodge being duly opened, and the minutes read, the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by the W.M., after which Bro. McDonald worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in due form, after Bro. Partridge had been elected W.M. for next meeting. Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting was held at York, on Monday evening. Bro. J. T. Seller W.M. opened the Lodge, there being present Bros. C. G. Padel I.P.M., R. W. Hollon P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., G. Balmford P.M., A. Buckle P.M. 236, G. Simpson S.W., M. Millington J.W., T. Humphries Assistant Sec., A. T. B. Turner S.D., J. Blenkin J.D., J. R. Jackson Assistant M.C., W. Girling I.G., and a full muster of members, together with several visiting brethren. A ballot was taken for V.W. Bro. Col. S. H. Clerke G.S. as an honorary member, which proved unanimous. Bro. T. B. Whytehead then gave an address on "Masonic Poets and Poetry," illustrated by copious quotations from the works of brethren from 1720 to the present time, and concluded by presenting some books to the Lodge library. Bro. W. W. Whytehead, M.A. (Cambridge) and Bac.Sc. (Paris), then read a paper on the "Science of Practical Geometry and the Mediæval Freemasons," and votes of thanks were passed to both brethren. A ballot was taken for a Life Membership in the Girls' School, the successful drawer being the I.P.M. Bro. C. G. Padel, who announced his intention of acting as Steward for the Lodge at one of the Festivals next year. On the motion of Bro. T. B. Whytehead, a committee was appointed to confer with a committee appointed by the York Lodge, No. 236, as to the feasibility of holding a Masonic gathering on the occasion of the visit of the British Association to York in the autumn. Power was given to the Standing Committee of the Lodge to arrange for a Picnic at an early date. Letters of explanation for absence were read from Bro. J. S. Cumberland P.M. Prov. G.J. Warden and other brethren, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards entertained their Visitors at supper, after which some of the principal toasts were drank, and a very pleasant evening was spent, enlightened by Masonic conversation.

The Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, which has hitherto been held in the North of London, has removed to Bro. Gabb's, the Cock Tavern, Nos. 3 and 4, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill. It is held every Thursday evening, from 6·30 to 8·30. We understand there is every probability of the attendance being good, as the brethren of the mother Lodge are strongly supporting the Lodge of Instruction. Moreover, the Burgoyne working is unsurpassed, and its name alone is a guarantee of accuracy for work.

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